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JACK ANDERSON SAYS: Red Ships In Egyptian Ports; Hussein's Death Plotted; Russians Train Arabs To Attack Across The Suez Canal; This Is The Land OF Prince Of Peace On Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas

Children Minus Toys

At least one family in Sikeston will be minus Christmas toys for their children on Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Poindexter, 311 West Gladys, drove their car into their driveway last night, with the toys for the three children in the trunk. Later in the night the mother went to the car to pick out a few gifts to be wrapped and accidentally left the keys in the trunk. This morning the trunk lid was left open and the toys missing.

The father, a member of the Daily Standard staff, valued the loss at around $60.

Holiday Money Gifts

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A man strolled through a bus and handed a $10 bill to each startled passenger before vanishing out the rear door.

By the time police caught up with the 55-year-old man Thursday, he had given away an estimated $1,400 to strangers and was on his way back to a savings and loan association to withdraw $2,000 more.

Police persuaded officials at the firm not to allow their generous customer to withdraw more from his account.

Police Capt. Jerome A. Jagmin said the man, whom authorities declined to identify, was taken to a hospital after it was reported he was despondent over the death of his wife two months ago.

The man explained that he had only wanted to brighten the Christmas season for others, Jagmin said.

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A Christmas benefactor had no trouble giving away $5 bills at the railroad baggage station Thursday.

Preston Thompson, auctioneer and part-time preacher, said the money belonged to a wealthy businessman who wanted to make someone happy at Christmas "because God has been good to him this year."

Within an hour, Thompson gave out $300.

$312,000 REA Loan

United States Representative Bill D. Burlison has announced that the Department of Agriculture will grant an REA loan of $312,000 to the Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi Electric Cooperative here.

The coop, which servers customers in Mississippi, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, New Madrid, Scott and Stoddard Counties, plans to obtain supplemental financing from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp., Burlison said, to complete financing the cost of installing 44 miles of distributon lines to serve 390 new consumers.

Lott Gets 4 Years

BENTON-- Earl Gene Lott, 25, Sikeston, was sentenced to four years in prison yesterday by Circuit Judge Marshall Craig after entering a guilty plea to manslaughter charges.

Lott was charged with the Oct. 30 shooting of John Thomas Gray in Sikeston's Sunset addition. Gray was found with a bullet wound in the back of the head several hours after he was shot and died in he following day in a Memphis hospital.

Lott surrendered to local police two days later and has been held in the city jail since that time.

He already was under a four-year sentence for burglary and stealing in connection with a break-in last December at the J.C. Penney store in the Kingsway Plaza Mall here.

Judge Craig announced that the manslaughter sentence will run concurrently with the burglary sentence.

3-Month-Old Killed

POPLAR BLUFF - Jimmy Paul Danforth, three-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Danforth of Sikeston, was killed this morning when a car driven by his father smashed into a bridge on Highway 60 four miles east of here.

The State Highway Patrol said the Danforth 1965 Chevrolet pickup truck was travelling east at a high rate of speed about 4:55 when the driver apparently lost control. The truck left the road on the right side, shot back across the highway and hit a bridge on the other side, the Patrol said.

The elder Danforth is in Lucy Lee Hospital here with a fractured right leg. His son died at the same hospital at 6:35 of a fractured skull.

Woman Injures Spine

ESSEX -- A Pontiac, Mich. woman suffered a fractured spine yesterday when a car driven by her husband sideswiped another car on Highway 60 three miles east of here at the intersection of Highway 153.

A one and one-half ton Ford truck, driven by Charles Myrick, 18, Dexter, was attempting to make a left turn onto Highway 153 when a 1970 Thunderbird, driven by Chester C.Grammer, 45, Pontiac, Mich., attempted to pass, the State Highway Patrol said.

The injured woman was Grammer's wife, Etta Grammer, 39, She was taken to Dexter Hospital.

The Patrol issued summonses to Myrick for operating a truck without a chauffer's license and to Grammer for careless and imprudent driving.

Man Given Summons

One local man was injured slightly and another was given a summons for careless and imprudent driving in a two-car collision yesterday at the intersection of East Malone and Airport Rd.

Police said John F. Brasher, 66, 709 Troy, pulled his 1968 Pontiac from Airport Rd. onto East Malone and into the path of a 1966 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Cheston D. Pierce, 302 Daniel.

Pierce was not injured, and Brasher was taken to Missouri Delta Community Hospital by his son, Jerrell Brasher. Brasher received the C and I summons.

Two Hurt In Mishap

CAMPBELL - Two persons were injured slightly in a two-car crash on Highway 53 four miles north of here yesterday.

According to the State Highway Patrol, a 1962 Ford driven by Danny L. Flowers, 20 Campbell, attempted to make a left turn into a private drive when it was struck in the rear by a 1971 Dodge stationwagon driven by Iris Hunt, 30, Poplar Bluff.

A passenger in the Flowers car, Leslie Flowers, 57, Campbell was injured but refused to be taken to a hospital. Iris Hunt, also slightly injured, told the patrol she would go to a physician for treatment.

I Want This One Daddy



"I want this one daddy". Regna DeJournett daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeJournett carries the best gift of all .. her very own doll.

DeField To Check

Area Commission Asks Opinion On Law Code

MALDEN- The Boothel Regional Planning Commission has asked State Representative Frederick W. DeField of the 158th district to obtain opinions from the State Attorney General which hopefully will pave the way for implementation of a regional code enforcement program, according to Commission Chairman Pat Lea.

Lea said the commission has been working for two years to implement a code which would establish a uniform system of codes and ordinances throughout the Bootheel, thus eliminating costly variations in municipal codes. He pointed out that the variations from city to city could hinder and have an adverse effect on the cost and production of future housing.

A reginal code also would facilitate the flow of federal funds into the Bootheel to improve housing conditions, Lea added:

If the code can be established, he said, the commission, in cooperation with local ciitzens. would work together to administer the code enforcement program. The actual functioning of the program would involve situations where an employee of the commission would work with indivudual communities to determine proper compliance of the codes, he continued.

In pointing out some of the advantages of such a program, Lea said, " regular inspections, such as electrical wiring inspections, could prevent potential fire hazards. Inadequate sewage disposal could be eliminated in public facilities."

He went on to say that these are only two of many ways in which a regional code could be of value to all Bootheel communities. The only question, he said, is whether or not the code would be legal. This is why the Attorney General's opinion is being sought.

The Commission has asked Representative DeField to submit three questions for legal opinion:

Would an employee of a regional organization, such as the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission, be in contravention of any state law in entering individual communities of which he is not a resident or official for the purpose of enforcing a regional building code sponsored under a Department of Housing and Urban Development Program, where the cities involved had elected to participate in such a regional building code program?

Can a city of the third or fourth class take action to participate in a regional program that would establish regional building codes to be effective in the individual communities, where the individual cities would delegate the establishment or particular code provisions and the enforcement of the building code to a regional organization?

If such a city cannot delegate the establishment of particular code provisions, could the city, after properly establishing the code, delegate the inspection and enforcement function to a regional organization?

The Commission is waiting to receive the opinions from the Attorney General's office, Lea said, He added that, if adopted in the Bootheel, the regional code enforcement program offers each community a candid proposal applicable to every resident.

Anniston Youth Accidentally Shot

ANNISTON -- Clifton Paul Shipman, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shipman of East Prairie, was wounded in a shooting accident Thursday at 1 p.m.

The shooting occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee of Anniston when their son, Kevin Lee, 12, the Shipman boy and several others were playing in the yard of the home.

Deputy sheriff Jack Ivy, who investigated the accident, said the Lee youth had been hunting earlier in the day with a .12 gauge shotgun, returned home and put the gun in the family car. When the boys were finished playing, Ivy said, Lee removed the gun from the car and was returning it to the house when he apparently pointed it at Shipman and fired, thinking it was unloaded.

The youth was shot in the neck and chin. He underwent surgery Thursday afternoon at Missouri Delta Community hospital in Sikeston and was reported in fair condition early today.

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Certificates of recognition are awarded to persons completing the New Careers program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, with graduates having received seven months of training as nurse aides, therapy aides, occupational aides and homemmker aides.

It's Inside

Three Rivers Junior College has a name change. Turn to ....page 3.

The feed grain program is the key to farm success. Turn to ...page 8.

The Bible is the Baltimore Colts playbook. Turn to ...page 9.

The NFC Stars for the January bowl game are named. Turn to ...page 10.

Shoppers were out in full force this morning doing their last minute Christmas shopping. Turn to ...page 12.

And Outside

Fair tonight with the low 35 to 40; sunny and warm Saturday with the high in the 60s; probabilities of measurable precipitation 10 per cent tonight and Saturday.

EXTENDED FORECAST

For the period Sunday through Tuesday there will be a slight cooling trend; afternoon high Sunday will be around 60s; low will be in the 40s; by Tuesday the high will range around 50; the low will be around 40; little or no precipitation is expected.

HIGH AND LOW YESTERDAY

High and low temperatures for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today were 55 and 44 degrees.

Sunset today ..... 4:47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow.....7:10 a.m.
The moon, at First Quarter today, sets tomorrow at 12:17 a.m

Former Teamester Head Released From Prison

ST. LOUIS (AP) -- James R. Hoffa, the former Teamsters union president, was reunited with his ailing wife and family today after being freed from federal prison by President Nixon.

"I don't believe it, I just don't believe it," Josephine Hoffa exclaimed Thursday night as she warmly embraced her husband at the home of their daughter in suburban Glendale.

"I'm going to be fine now, just fine," said Mrs. Hoffa, who suffered a heart attack 10 months ago and had a mild seizure Wednesday. "I don't believe we've ever had a nicer Christmas."

The reunion came hours after the one - time bad boy of big labor walked out of the federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., under the President's order commuting his sentence. He had served four years, nine months and 16 days of a 13 - year sentence for jury tampering and mail fraud.

The conditional commutation specifies that Hoffa, 58, may not "engage in the direct or indirect management of any labor organization" until March 6, 1980 -- the date his full prison term would have ended.

Technically, the President shortened Hoffa's 13- year sentence to 6½ years. With time off for good behavior, Hoffa was eligible for immediate release. He had been turned down three times for parole.

In Detroit, where the Teamsters union has its headquarters, a number of labor leaders joined in praise of the President's action.

"I believe that justice has been served in this situation and the pardon is fully deserved," said United Auto Workers President Leonard Woodcock in a telegram to Nixon.

"Jimmy Hoffa has served many years in prison," he wrote. "If it were not for his name and background, I believe he would have been parolled some time ago."

Burglars Enter Store

Burglars broke into the Learue and McKinnie store on Smith Ave. last night and stole about $117 worth of cigars, cigarettes and razor blades.

Police said the burglars gained entry to the building by shattering a front door glass. The broken glass attracted the attention of a passerby at about 5:30 this morning, and the passerby notified police.

Officers followed foot prints leading from the store for half-a-block, but the tracks disappeared at that point, and police theorized the burglars might have gotten into a vehicle there.

Liquor Buy Illegal

Willie Dixon, 33, former head of the local NAACP, chapter, was arrested this morning, allegedly for buying liquor after hours.

Police said Dixon entered the Quick Shop on North Main shortly after 1:30 this morning , tossed two dollars on the counter, got a six-pack of beer out of a cooler and left. The law forbids the sale of liquor in Sikeston after 1 a.m.

Dixon was apprehended a short time later.

No Standard Christmas Day

The Daily Standard will not be published tomorrow, Christmas Day. The management and staff take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas.

Six Treated

Six were treated for accidents in the emergency room of the Missouri Delta Community hospital Thursday.

Treated were Roberta Hill, 12, Sikeston, fell spraining wrist; Elizabeth Walker, 15, Sikeston, caught hand in washing machine, abrasions and bruises on left hand; Verner Baker, 58, Morehouse, cut right thumb at work; John Evans, 59, Sikeston, stepped on a thorn, puncture wound on left foot; Betty Bonner, 22, Columbus, Miss., car accident, cerebral concussion; John Brashear, 66, Sikeston, car accident, chest injury.

Weather Review

Weather observations are for the 24-hour periods ending at 7 a.m. daily.

	Rain	High	Low
Dec. 18	.00	37	20
Dec. 19	.35	50	35
Dec. 20	.00	59	35
Dec. 21	.00	45	34
Dec. 22	.00	50	34
Dec. 23	.00	55	44

Rainfall for the week 35
Rainfall for the month 349
Rainfall for the year 49.07

	'68	'69	'70	'71
Jan.	4.41	10.56	.96	4.01
Feb.	2.07	2.28	2.66	6.81
Mar.	8.41	3.20	5.92	1.68
Apr	5.35	5.96	8.39	2.34
May	7.42	1.96	2.97	3.68
June	2.31	1.26	8.61	7.70
July	4.20	3.29	2.18	5.05
Aug.	1.41	3.29	3.41	5.32
Sept.	5.50	2.17	4.97	4.74
Oct.	2.04	2.99	5.04	1.71
Nov.	4.95	3.78	2.26	2.54
Dec.	6.27	2.02	3.87	
Total	52.48	43.50	53.18	

A Christmas Wish For Theresa



Theresa Simmons makes her Christmas wish for a stuffed animal all her own during a pause in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas rush.

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Friday, December 24 — Day of the Night Before Christmas.

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POOR CHARLIE SAYS!

If a man is afraid of a woman, he cannot be in love with her.

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CHRISTMAS: A REBIRTH OF GOOD WILL

It is, given the human condition, spectacularly irrational to harbor such general good feelings toward one's fellow man as Christmas is wont to generate.

It is as unlikely as the warmth created by the snowy chill of bright December days, as the unconscious good will that slips out of people whose defense mechanisms have been disarmed by the season, as the nakedness of the hands strangers hesitantly extend to one another on winter's icy streets.

As we watch, the world is breathing a sigh of relief that another year has been survived. And with the sigh comes a relaxation of the animal hospitality we all succumb to so inevitably.

In a flurry of greeting cards, decorations, carols and gifts we exercise the terribly vulnerable side of ourselves we restrain most of the year. We are friendly to people we would otherwise ignore, tolerant of people we would otherwise criticize. Our bodies become inhabited by puzzling feelings of joy and promise, faith and dedication.

This fragile atmosphere is only temporary, of course, a hurricane's eye. And brief as it is, it is incomplete. However intent we are upon forgetting about them, there are wars abroad, conflict and crime at home — not to mention the painfully unseasonable strife that Christmas shopping generates.

These persistent remnants of reality serve to remind us that the idea of peace on earth and good will to men is, as all fantasies must be, ultimately a painful one.

But they cannot kill the fantasy, however logically unlikely its survival seems.

The Christmas spirit is stubborn and powerful in its gentleness. It comes back again and again, every year, in spite of all odds. And it brings with it, for a few fleeting days, a vision of how things might be, a faint promise, hope enough to last a year.

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It's easy to tell live flowers from plastic ones around the house -- live ones don't last long enough -- to need dusting.

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AWAY IN A MANGER

Away In a Manger, a well known Christmas carol, was first published in 1887 in a volume entitled Dainty Songs For Little Lads and Lasses. The song appeared under the heading "Luther's Cradle Hymn". James Murray who published the volume signed the song with his initials but added the note, "the song was composed by Martin Luther for his children and still sung by German mothers to their little ones."

Since the song is virtually unkown in Germany or anywhere else outside of the U.S.A., it has aroused curiosity. Richard S. Hill traced the first appearance of the words to a poem published in a Little Children's Book in 1885 where it appeared unsigned. Mr. Hill also uncovered some forty different musical settings for this poem.

Ruth Christensen

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Bill Hanna says the best things in life may be free, but reminds us that the IRS is working on that now.

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BROTHERHOOD

Just a little bit more interest
In other folks' welfare,
Just a little greater showing
That really you do care.

Just a little more kindness
To those you meet each day,
And a little greater effort
To aid them on their way.

Just a little more determined
To do the best you can,
To help some other fellow
And prove a friend to man.

Just a little bit more sunshine
Along life's weary road,
Just a little bit more ready
To ease another's load.

Just to work a little harder
For other people's good,
And to show a bit more friendship -
My friend, that's Brotherhood.

—Author Unknown

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You can meet friends everywhere but you cannot meet enemies anywhere. You have to make them.

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A BUSINESSMAN'S PRAYER

Help me, O Lord, to remember that three feet make one yard, sixteen ounces one pound, four quarts one gallon, and sixty minutes one hour. Help me to do business on the square.

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Here's a want-ad that appeared in the West Texas Livestock Weekly and picked up by Editor & Publisher, which wonders how the response was:

"SLAVE, 25-35 years old, for menial work around livestock auction and-or ranch. Salary meager, hours long, and opportunities limited. Must have outstanding attitude. (Also wife, if married.) Must be ranch raised and have the equivalent of BS in animal science; MS preferred. Ph.D. acceptable, but willing to keep it quiet. Community and town just so-so, and climate is excelient year around, on some days. Boss' temperament variable from bad to downright mean."

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RETRENCHMENT -- FEDERAL STYLE

In his famous Aug. 15 New Economic Policy speech, President Nixon announced he was acting to "check the rise in the cost of government" by ordering a postponement of federal pay raises and a 5 per cent in government personnel. Congress has thwarted the six-month delay in the pay hike, and the bureaucracy is dragging its feet on the employee cutbacks.

The Nixon goal, as spelled out before the House Ways and Means Committee three weeks after the President's speech, is "about 66,000 fewer people on the payrolls on June 30, 1972, than on June 30, 1971." The projections were based on full-time permanent civilian employment in the Executive Branch, excluding U. S. Postal Services employees. Signs of real progress toward this goal are not readily discernible. Between June 30, 1971, and Oct. 31, 1971, the number of such federal employees actually increased by 11,000. Much of this increase took place after the President's announcement.

In mid-September, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) assigned proposed ceilings to the Departments and agencies. Many are currently under appeal. Commerce Department is reported to have accomplished its reduction -- about 1,400 jobs. Meanwhile, optimistically, OMB has reserved $500 million, representing the dollar value of the proposed reduction. Yet, asked for an over-all progress report this week, OMB would only say, "We're working on it." Congress's Joint Committee on Reduction of Federal Expenditures told Editorial Research Reports the administration is trying. Agencies have slowed down hiring. One indication of success or failure will be the revised 1972 estimates in next January's budget.

President Nixon's budget reduction proposals also included a projected saving of $1.3 billion from postponement of a 5.5 per cent Jan. 1, 1972, federal pay increase to July 1972. Congress negated this in passing the extension of economic stablilization authority President Nixon needs. There are six months yet until the day of reckoning -- June 30, 1972 -- and it is possible Mr. Nixon will reach his employment goal. But the smart money would have to be on the bureaucracy.

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Mr. A. M. Tewksbury notes in the Oregon Voter Digest that, "The doom and disaster corps which spends its time publicizing imaginary dangers from nuclear energy plants ought to examine the truth for a change. The facts do not support the alarmist hullaballo against nuclear energy plants. Quite the contrary, the history of such plants shows a total absence of any damage. The 247 organizations engaged in the nuclear energy business are insured by two pools of underwriters. A portion of the premiums paid into the pools is placed in a loss reserve fund and, if not utilized for losses, is returned to the insureds after ten years. This system was started in 1961, so the ten year waiting period recently expired. The insurer pools reported that they had not been asked to pay for any losses of any kind during the ten years past. Therefore they have recently refunded $1,017,609 in loss reserve premiums to the insured."

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When a young man starts making a good deal of money, the girls start out after him. But the average girl who makes good wages does not attract young men unless they are sure she would keep on working after marriage.

Hal Boyle

Editor's Note: "Where is Santa Claus right now?" millions of children are asking. Here is the reassuring answer to their question—to be read aloud by parents to their kids just before bedtime.

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — He's off!

Santa Claus is on his way at last! The jolly old saint and his famous reindeer are zooming through the arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight.

The Northern Lights switched on to a clear steady green—the "go ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Police sent Santa this message:

"We are clearing all air lanes in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good luck!"

And Santa Claus needed that wide, clear road in the sky. For his big, red sled was packed so full of gifts it overflowed.

"Oh, dear, oh dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff. "I hope none of those presents falls out and hits some poor innocent down there. I believe this must be the heaviest load I've had in 20 years."

"What is he fretting about?" whispered Donder to Vixen. "He's only riding in the sled. We have to pull it."

Vixen laughed so hard the bells on her harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed, too.

As Santa Claus climbed onto the seat of the sled, puffing because he has gained some weight this winter, three black and white penguins waddled across the snow in front of the reindeer.

"Here, here, get out of the way please," said Santa Claus importantly. Then he said, surprised: 'Why, what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole." "We're on a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"

"Climb aboard, climb aboard!" boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there."

Just then Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.

"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.

"Never mind," said Santa, "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. It'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."

Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air—the signal to be off. But then he heard a small voice crying:

"Wait, please wait."

It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves gossiped about Cluny and said she was clumsy at making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young. He liked her because she had a good heart.

"Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small shiny figure.

"What's this?" he grumbled. "You're too late. My pack is already loaded."

"It is only my present to the world. I made it at night in my room—all by myself."

Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.

"It is the Angel of Peace," explained Cluny.

"Why, Cluny," said Santa, "this is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her wand for one day at least over every home on earth."

And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-tickly kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again— it had a feather on the end— and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.

"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho, here we go!"

The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster, faster—and then they were off the ground and into the air.

Santa was on his way. and tonight, if you go to bed, he will come to your house, wherever you are.

The Spirit of Christmas



TOMORROW
DECEMBER 25 — SATURDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY. Dec. 25. Celebrated throughout the United States, its territories and the rest of the Christian world.

"URSSIAN WINTER" ART FESTIVAL. Dec. 25 - Jan. 5. Moscow, U.S.S.R.

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TOMORROW
DECEMBER 26
SUNDAY

BOXING DAY. Dec. 26. England and most Commonwealth Countries.

DAY OF THE WREN. Dec. 26. Dingle Peninsula, Ireland. Masked revelers and musicians go from door to door asking for money. Traditional day and night of public merry-making.

SECOND CHRISTMAS. Dec. 26. Marks beginning two-week long celebration. Celebrated in SC and the Virgin Islands.

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DECEMBER 27 — MONDAY

LOUIS PASTEUR'S BIRTHDAY. Dec. 27. Famed biologist born on this day, 1822.

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NEW TRIBE OF OBSTRUCTIONISTS

So - called conservatives, which in the past have been considered businessmen, have been castigated by so - called liberals for being "against social or enconomic change." The long record of National progress which denied the alleged negativism of businessmen has stood little chancd agaist adroit charges makein all businessmen appear a s feet - dragging opposers of progress.

Today, the shoe is on the other foot. If ever there was a tribe of obstructionists, it is those who now spend all of their time finding fault with the American system - - the free market, nuclear power development, competitive mass production and mass distribution, and all efforts of industry to meet the inexorable pressure of rising demand for goods and services of all kinds. The true obstructionists today are environmentalists and consumer protectors who have not one good word to say about the sources of our abundance and high standards of living, No matter how much we would like to do so, industrial expansion cannot be brought to a halt to await the resolution of all environmental problems. The two must go forward together and fortunately, in many sections of the nation, this is happening.

A release from a major investor - owned electric power company in the southeastern part of the U. S. tells how its service area is going ahead. A total of 140 new industries, representing a capital investment of $152,592,000, located on it's power lines during 1969. In add ition to these new industries, 155 existing industries expanded their operations to the tune of over $150 million more. In terms of opportunities and jobs, the industrial development in thsi company's service are during 1969 will provide employment for more than 18,000 people at annual wages of nearly $100 million.

And so it goes, year after year, even as the best scientific brains in the country push ahead with environmental improvement measures. Businessmen learned long ago it does not pay to be against everything. Many of the environmentalists have had to learn this hard truth.

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Little boy in woodshed: "Father did Grandpa spank you when you were a little boy?"

Father (with paddle): "Yes, son!"

Little boy: "And did Great grandpa spank Grandpa when he was a little boy?"

Father: "Yes, son."

Little boy: "Well, don't you think with my help you could overcome this inherited rowdyism?"

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EARTH---OH, YOU BEAUTIFUL BALL

As its contribution to Earth Week observances, the U. S. Geological Survey came up with the following statistics about the object of our affections:

* The weight of the earth, in terms of its own gravitational pull upon its substance, is estimated to be 6 sextillion, 588 quintillion tons. (That's 6,588 followed by 18 zeros.)

* About 5.7 quadrillion tons of air cling to the earth's 197 million square miles of surface.

* The total amount of water in the world's oceans, ice fields, lakes, rivers, soil, rocks and atmosphere amounts to about 326 million cubic miles, with about 97 per cent of it in the oceans.

* By far the greatest single source of water locked in ice is the Antarctic Ice cap. If melted at a uniform rate, it would yield enough water to feed the Mississippi River for 50,000 years.

* The center of the earth lies nearly 4,000 miles beneath our feet. To date, man has drilled down about 5 miles.

* The earth is a tremendous reservoir of heat generated by natural radioactivity in rocks. Yet permafrost—permanently frozen ground—underlies about 20 per cent of the entire land surface of the world.

* Mother Earth is a rather mature gal, with an age of at least four and a half billion years.

Love her or leave her!

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THIS MIGHT WORK!

Every businessman we have ever run into has been looking for some subtle way of saying, "Pay Up or Else" to their late paying customers without being too offensive.

One we just heard about is putting a sticker with the following message on his past-due accounts:

"It has been said that a man who squeezes a dollar, never squeezes his wife. Looking over your account, it has occurred to me that your wife is not getting the attention she is entitled to!"

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The little boy said he had to put his sweater on when his mother got chilly.

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Announcement heard on a car radio in North Carolina: "Stay tuned to this station for the most apprehensive coverage of the latest news."

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Definition of the meanest man in the world: That's the man who didn't tell his wife he was sterile until after she got pregnant!

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Many worthy things have bad names they don't deserve. Like flattery, which is wonderful for getting a man a reputation for telling the truth.

H.L. Hunt

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Whatever the problems and worries we face in our daily lives, none can fail to notice the spirit of the season around them as family and friends prepare for Christmas. So many people find joy in finding the Christmas tree, decorating it and placing around it the presents to be shared. Many recall some lonely Christmases of the past when far from home and loved ones, meager meals were shared with strangers, or Christmas dinner was missed altogether.

Others, for our protection, as they will this season and so long as evil men exist who wish to destroy the Faith and Freedom of others, will man the far-flung defense outposts of this great Republic. Veterans will remember comrades who gave the last full measure of devotion on the field of combat, so that we now have the privilege of celebrating the birthday of the Prince of Peace.

Some on our land will not have as plentiful a Yuletide bounty as we all would wish. However simple the gift to the most beloved, we all share one thing which no other people on earth can ever know. That is this blessed land which the Founders gave us, unmatched on earth or in the history of man.

Whatever our faults, our shortcomings or our current discomforts, all of which we can and should strive to improve and overcome, we can be aware that there is no place in the world so blessed. That we are still free to celebrate this joyful season is no accident. Only we can see that we are free to celebrate the Christmas season again next year. Freedom is not a gift. HLH.

Washington Merry - Go - Round

By Jack Anderson

WASHINGTON— The secret intelligence reports--those dreary epistles of modern scripture--bear a grim Christmas message from the Holy Land.

They tell of war preparations along the Suez, of Soviet naval vessels moving into Egyptian ports, of a plot to kill Jordan's King Hussein, of assassins dressed in religious garb, of bickering among the Arabs.

The beaches along the Suez are empty, the crumbling, artillery-pitted villas deserted. Underfoot, the soil is tawny and acrid, its dust bitter on the tongue. To the Israeli and Egyptian patrols who eat the dust, it has the taste of death.

The Egyptians train daily, under Soviet supervision, for amphibious operations. Russia has supplied them with motorized rafts, portable bridges and minefield sweeping equipment. One intelligence report claims the Egyptians can lay nine bridges, each with a 60-ton carrying capacity, and two smaller ones, each with a 12-ton capacity, across the blue Suez.

On the east bank, Israeli troops wait for them in steel tunnels and underground bunkers buried beneath tons of sandbags. The bunkers are reinforced with rails from an abandoned Egyptian railroad.

From elsewhere in the Middle East, other intelligence reports add to the story. Three Egyptian officials, for instance, were spotted earlier this month inspecting Saudi Arabian airfields. An intelligence report explained that Egypt's President Sadat had arranged with Saudi Arabia's King Faisal "to relocate Egypt's civil air fleet in Saudi Arabia if hostilities were renewed."

--SOVIET BUILD-UP--

Soviet cruisers, destroyers, submarines and amphibious craft, meanwhile, have been quietly assembling in the Egyptian ports and anchorages of Alexandria, Port Said, Kithira and the Gulf of Sollum.

Declares a naval intelligence report: "The return of combatants and amphibious units to ports and anchorages in the Eastern Mediterranean re-establishes the Soviet naval presence, which was withdrawn in late October."

The Israeli assessment of "Egyptian capabilities and intentions" has been flashed to Washington by Walworth Barbour, the U.S. Ambassador in Tel Aviv.

"Egyptian deployment along (Suez) canal," he cables, "gives Sadat option to open fire at any time with very little further preparation."

However, he added, Israel "has no intelligence that Egyptians intend to resume firing within any specific time frame."

On this troubled Christmas eve, Bethlehem remains much as it did when Mary and Joseph first halted before the inn and, finding no room, sought shelter in the stable. It is a huddle of flat-roofed stone houses, clinging to the bleak Judean hillside. Its narrow streets still echo to the clattering heels of heavily laden donkeys.

The stars seem to shine brighter over Bethlehem than anywhere on earth, and the memory of Jesus is fresh and breathing. But not far away assassins disguised as Christian priests are reported to be preparing ambushes for Jordanian ministers and royalty.

"The plans include the adoption of Muslim or Christian priestly disguise to use when appropriate or necessary," states an intelligence report.

--MYSTERY MAN--

The plotters are directed by a mystery man, known as Fakhri al-Amari, who operates out of a top-floor flat in Beirut. An intelligence report states that the downstairs entrance is guarded by at least four armed guards. No one is admitted until he has called Amari personally from downstairs, then at least one guard physically accompanies the visitor to Amari's flat.

Amari is described in the intelligence reports as chief of the "special services section" of the underground Fedayeen movement. He is responsible "for assassinations, kidnappings, sabotage and other acts of terrorism."

His top target is King Hussein, who smashed the Fedayeen in Jordan. Amari, according to an intelligence report, is "still working on his plan to 'get' King Hussein of Jordan the next time the latter travels outside Jordan. Amari believes that the King's next trip will be to Paris."

As fronts, the assassins have used a travel agency, handicraft shop and small grocery store in Amman, the Jordan capital. They reportedly hope to obtain information on the King's travel plans from a pilot for the Royal Jordanian Air Line.

The defeated Fedayeen, meanwhile, are scattered throughout the Arab world. Many are nursing their bruises in Lebanon not far from the Biblical seaports of Tyre and Sidon.

Declares an intelligence report: "The unedifying spectacle of confusion, dissension and bitterness that pervades the Fedayeen leadership almost certainly has caused added malaise among the commando rank-and-file...

"Reports have mentioned jealousy and disturbances developing between Fatah elements long stationed in South Lebanon and those recently arrived from Jordan and Syria, and we have reported gunfights between Saiqa commandos encamped in the central sector."

On that great parchment of mankind, the Holy Land where the Savior's sandaled feet once trod, there is this Christmas only precarious peace and little good will toward men.

Inside Labor

WARPED CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: Why Free $110,000-A-Year Crooked Labor Chiefs Who Stole From Their People?

by Victor Riesel

NEWARK, N.J.--Comes Christmastime there are men of compulsive good will who feel impelled to meddle with men of fraud now doing time in Federal penitentiaries. For the moment, let's bypass Lewisburg's famed mattress-maker Jimmy Hoffa who, it appears to have been forgotten, is in because he manipulated some $20 million of Teamsters pension funds in an effort to share a hot million destined for aging Teamsters when they retire and seek peace away from the wheel and endless ribbons of concrete.

Let's pass on to a friend of his who has cost this nation, its government, its people, its school kids, its home-owners, and contractors who build the country's highways, schools, hospitals, churches and old-age homes extra hundreds of millions of dollars. He is one Peter Weber. He is in the Federal pen for 10 years.

The 63-year-old Peter Weber, who was one of a handful of union officials who controlled much of the labor which worked all of the heavy duty equipment on the highway and construction jobs in the U.S. and Canada, was eighth vice president of the International Union of Operating Engineers (AFL-CIO). He's in prison just a few months. And the sentimentalists--sort of professional sociological mourners--already are beating the salvation drums to get him out.

It would be a pity because he has just been succeeded by one Stephen J. Leslie, head of Operating Engineer's Marine Division, Local 26 who took on a Chicago gunman in a Chinese restaurant not too long ago, knocked the loaded revolver out of his hand, beat several of the goons backing up the thug who had a gun to the head of Leslie's friend, Seafarers' chief Paul Hall, and had the good humor to chuckle when the proprietor asked just who was going to pay the check for all the food which was spilled--instead of his and Hall's blood.

But back to those who grieve for Brother Weber now in such vile durance. An ascetic stretch of time will put him back in fighting trim. This big man lived the good life while he controlled a sovereign empire called Local 825, Sections A, B, C and D. The variations of the local structure meant that you had to be a good loyal fellow to get from D to A and make all that money.

Weber lived as a sovereign who personally controlled heavy construction in eleven Northeastern states should. There were cars, a yacht--and note this, he drew $110,600 a year from this comparatively small local union. His annual salary was $77,500. His expenses ran to $33,100, much of which were "other disbursements." You can live on that if you try and you cry often enough of the dire oppression of the proletariat.

But this is penny-ante stuff. Weber went up for manipulating contracts worth a million dollars. According to the law he is an extorionist. Here is what one high Federal law enforcement official said of his operations some time ago:

"Peter Weber was, and I suppose still is, although he is under a 10-year sentence at the present time, the labor czar in the state of New Jersey for all of heavy construction. Anybody coming into the state had to make his peace with Peter Weber before he could start work there."

Yet this Weber had the modest title of president-business manager of Local 825. And the cost of doing construction business, expecially on pipelines running from petroleum in as far as Arkansas and Texas was 10 times that in other states. And the cost of construction, even home building, was virtually the highest in the land.

And as they used to say in the Navy, now hear this: Weber set the pace for the construction pay. It was Weber who was followed by the others. It was Weber who told the White House people to go to hell. It was Weber who, if any one man is responsible for the toughness of the hundreds of little barons in tiny but key construction locals--some of them with just 200 to 400 members--was imitated. Therefore, if any one man is responsible for the inflation holocaust, it is Peter Weber.

Aside from the historic fact that from Weber the line runs to the construction industry crisis and to the special stabilization board and then to the pay-price emergency action, Weber also set the style of shakedowns.

Each time, according to the Federals, a company started a new subcontract, laying pipe in New Jersey, it was forced to hire personal representatives of Peter Weber on the job as "starting engineer or shop steward." Both of these men were on three different payrolls. One made more than $50,000 a year. The other just about $1,000 weekly. Some of these men "did not do one blessed thing all day long. They didn't show up on the job to handle grievances. Frequently they came around wearing white shirts and ties, driving their Cadillacs."

So Weber was convicted. His $28,000-a-year brother, who attempted to take over, was ousted from the local. Now the Northeastern leader of the Operating Engineers is an honest man--Steve Leslie. If he mixes honesty with reason, this nation will pay less for its schools and hospitals and roads.

Now, there is a real Christmas thought.

Glad Tidings For Families

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For the families of 18 American servicemen the edge of anxiety was eased today, the agony of not knowing was gone. Their men are prisoners of the Viet Cong in South Vietnam, but their men are alive.

"I feel grand, I can't tell you how grand I feel," said Mandy Davis in Clayton, Ala., after learning Wednesday that her son, Thomas, missing in action since March 1968, was among the 18.

"How would you feel if it was your son?" replied Jerhardt Mehrer of Omaha, Nab., when a reporter asked his reaction to the news that his son Gustave was one of the prisoners.

Some of the families had not heard from their men in years. One man had been listed officially as killed in action. Sixteen had not been heard from as prisoners previously.

The names were released by Cora Weiss, cochairman of the Committee of Liason With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, which serves as a conduit for mail from the prisoners.

Letters from the 18 were among 1,001 letters from 332 war prisoners brought here Tuesday by the Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the committee, from North Vietnamese and Viet Cong representatives in Paris.

In Omaha, Mehrer said his son was captured on Christmas Day in 1968. The only clue the family had to his fate came in 1969 when another American prisoner was freed.

The prisoner who was released had memorized the names of other prisoners including one "Gussie from Omaha." Since then they had let themselves believe that their son was alive, Mehrer said.

Since the summer of 1967, the family of Sgt. Alfonso Ray Riate has believed him dead. The Marine Corps listed Riate as missing for 60 days, then notified the family he had been killed in action.

"It's really hard to believe. It's really shocking," said Raite's half sister Zelda Lovinto in Bell Gardens, Calif. Mrs. Mary Pepper a sister, added, "It.s really a good time of year to hear something like this — if it's true."

Mrs. Valerie Kushner of Danville, Va., wife of Army doctor Maj. Floyd Harold Kushner, said a telephone call from New York Tuesday was the first direct word she had received about her husband since 1967.

She said the caller told her that her husband had sent a Christmas letter. "Open it quickly and read it to me," she said.

When the woman caller hesitated, noting that the contents might be personal, Mrs. Kushner said she replied, "After all this time, what's personal any longer? Read it!"

The letter contained best wishes to her and their children, she said, and a special birthday wish for their daughter, Tonie Jean, who will be 8 on Christmas day.

Mrs. Weiss said the 18 prisoners in South Vietnam were in addition to the 339 American prisoners previously reported being held in North Vietnam. Their names were released through the committee last December.

A Hanoi spokesman said Wednesday in Paris that the list of 339 prisoners was up to date. With the addition of four Americans reported captured Dec. 18, the total number the North Vietnamese acknowledge is 343.

Shades Of Methuselah

EDITOR'S NOTE: Macon's senior citizens have been well-known over a wide area for passing the century mark,. The Ward McDaniels' story was told all over the nation and now Ella Beatty has passed her 102nd birthday anniversary — AND TO DAY WE HAVE THE STORY OF A Macon Countian who lived to vote for 22 presidents. It is used through the courtesy of James L. Stone and Jack Hackethorn.)

Resident of Macon County and Randolph County in Missouri still talk about "Uncle Bobby" Gipson, the man who voted for 22 Presidents.

Gipson was born in North Carolina on Christmas day, 1766, 10 years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He was living in North Carolina when at the age of 35, he married Miss Grace Smith. Shortly thereafter he moved with his bride to Kentucky and lived as a neighbor of Henry Clay.

After several years in Kentucky, Gipson moved with his family to Macon County, Missouri.

Although he never learned to read or write, he became a minister and coauthored a book which was published. As he preached he quoted scripture from memory. He dictated the story of his life to one of his sons and this was put in book form.

Gipson was given a goldheaded cane by the Macon County Fair Assocaition in 1881 when he was 115 years of age.

Uncle Bobby said in 1884 that he had 16 children, 105 grandchildren, 190 great-grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren. For a total of 321 descendants.

In the summer of 1885, the president of the Moberly District Fair Association, G. F. Rothwell, Sr., invited Uncle Bobby to be a guest of the association.

Uncle Bobby went to the fair and was introduced as a man who had voted in every election since the writing of the United States Constitution. The last man he voted for was Grover Cleveland.

Malden Plant Award Winner

MALDEN — Missouri the Malden division.

Continental Homes, Inc., Malden, was awarded the "Saber Award" at a dinner held at the Smoke House Restaurant Wednesday, December 15. The award is given for outstanding sales and production to the winning division in the company. The Malden plant is in the MidWest Division of the company and they were in competition with the Eastern divisions.

Present for the presentation were Joe Campbell, Division Manager Sales; Bob Cooper, Vice President Sales; Bill Stringfield, Regional Sales Manager, State of Missouri; and Hugh Garrison, Malden, District Sales Manager. Gerald Kidd, Malden plant manager, accepted the coveted award for the employees and officers of

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New Name For TRJC

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. — Decisions affecting the name of Three Rivers Junior College and one of its major divisions, and steps to revise procedure for election of trustees to conform to the one-man one-vote ruling of the United States Supreme Court were taken at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Three Rivers Junior College District.

The board decided to revise the name of the college to the Three Rivers Community College and to change the name of the Technical Division to the Division of Occupational Education.

The changes were approved by the board to describe more properly the function of the college and the division, President H. Tudor Westover said in announcing the actions.

Because the Supreme Court ruling has been interpreted by Missouri courts and legal authorities to apply to school districts such as the Three Rivers Junior College District it was necessary to conform now to the court interpretations before the election next April 4 of two trustees for six-year terms.

In the past trustees have been elected from two subdistricts, set up so that two would be from the Poplar Bluff R-1 School District and four from the remainder of the district. The current distribution of trustees is two from the Poplar Bluff R-1 School District, one from Butler county outside the R-1 District and one each from Carter, Ripley and Wayne counties.

The Board of Trustees voted to appoint a districting committee consisting of three trustees and clerks of the County Courts of the four counties in the district. They are to draw up a temporary redistriciing plan and seek a declaratory court judgment approving the plan in time for it to be effective for the election in April.

The board members of the committee are William Becker of Williamsville. board chairman; James A. (Bud) Holloway of Poplar Bluff, board secretary, and John Garver of Qulin.

No attempt will be made at this time to draft a permanent redistricting plan. Instead the board will await action of the General Assembly at its 1972 session on legislation introduced to amend the state's junior college enabling legislation to provide for new alternative ways of electing grustees. Those alternatives may provide for election of all trustees at-large, or for establishing two or more subdistricts of approximately equal population.

The two members of the Three Rivers board whose terms expire this spring are Becker and Holloway.

In connection with the change of the name of the college and its technical division, President Westover pointed out that the functions of the Three Rivers community College already substantially exceed the narrow definition generally applied to junior colleges. The name of the district itself will remain Three Rivers Junior College District to conform to terminology required by state statute.

The trend toward redefining activities and renaming junior colleges is widespread in Missouri and other states. In fact the National Association of Junior Colleges is considering changing its name to the National Association of Community Colleges.

In strict definition, a junior college is considered a two-year institution offering transfer credits in courses parelleling those in the curriculum of four-year colleges and universities. That will remain a major function of Three Rivers under the new name of community college, but the change in the name will imply more fully the actual function of the college.



Yes, Gwendolyn, New Year's toast is that piece of soggy they serve your 98-cent steak on for only $37.50 on the big evening.

Fish Market Issue

CARUTHERSVILLE - "I am not mad, I'm hurt," John Mann, local resident, told the Caruthersville Mayor and Council during a regular meeting Monday. Mann is trying to get a "non-conforming use permit" to build a fish market on his property on East 18th street at Rufus and he feels that he is getting the run-around by the Mayor and City Planning Commission.

Mann stated that he was supposed to meet with the planning commission, but he was not notified of the meeting. The planning commission met last week and Mann was told that his request had been discussed along with other business, but he was "hurt" because he was not present.

The resident wants to get a "non-conforming use permit" to build a fish market on his property which is zoned residential. There is no building on Mann's property which was used in the past for business purposes and, it would seem impossible for Mann to get a non-conforming use permit since there is no building.

Several councilmen agreed that the man had been put off.

Mann also told the council that he had discussed the fish market with Mayor Inman, saying Inman would not give him a meeting with the commission.

"The Mayor told me Caruthersville has one good fish market and that is enough," Mann told the council. He went on to say that this conversation took place in the Mayor's office behind closed doors.

The local resident went on to tell the council of the conversation between him and the mayor.

Red-faced and angered by what the visitor had to say, Mayor Inman asked the council, "Do you believe I said that?" Then, in a high tone of voice, he denied everything Mann had told the council about their conversation.

"I can assure you that never again will I talk to you, Mr. Mann." the Mayor continued.

The mayor told Mann, the council, and other visitors present that he did not have the authority to call or call off a meeting of the Caruthersville Planning Commission.

"We will go along with anything the planning commission decides," Inman continued.

Mann assured the group that he was not "mad," only "Hurt" by what had happened. "All I'm trying to do is build a business and make my home here in Caruthersville," he said.

Alderman Robert Tillman asked Mann if he had talked to his aldermen about the situation.

The visitor stated that he did not know who his aldermen are.

Then, Tillman informed Mann that it was his responsibility to find out who his aldermen are and talk to them about such problems.

Alderman Bond asked Mayor Inman to write a letter to the city planning commission urging the group to meet with Mann to discuss his request. The mayor agreed to write the letter soon.

Tuesday, Mayor Inman told The Democrat-Argus that he had no comment concerning the charges made by Mann. He stated, however, that he had discussed the fish market with Mann in the past and had suggested that he (Mann) reconsider his location of the market. "I did tell him that because of our present zoning situation it would be doubtful that he could build a fish market on his property," said the Mayor, "but we will go along with whatever the commission decides to do."

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Route Of Magii

Portugal and Spain reportedly was the path taken by the Kings. Here on the route of the Magi the Wise Men are of particular importance in the Andalusian countries.

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Today, more sophisticated Americans emulate these old-world craftsmen. They make Wise Men, using cans and plactic foam heads embellished with bright and ingenious decorations.

Custom decrees that the Magi be met on Ephiphany Eve at the edge of town. In Portugal, young and old go out that night, carrying a variety of food for men and animals. This colorful caravan also offers presents such as artfully arranged bouquets of dried flowers, grasses, and feathers, and splendid metallic palmetos bound with beads or mirrors at their centers.

But alas for the welcoming committee, the Magi always seem to slip into town by another road. When the disappointed children have eaten the goodies and returned, they are comforted by finding the Wise Men assembled in the village church. Then they parade in with their wonderful gifts for the wily Kings.

New Units For Caruthersville

CARUTHERSVILLE — Construction on 80 additional public housing unites for the City of Caruthersville got underway Monday morning. After completion, this will being the total number of units to 288, and approval has been granted for 70 more units.

Sixty units, according to Ralph Stone of the Caruthersville Housing Authority, will be constructed for the elderly between 13th and 15th Streets directly behind and southwest of Bruce's Big Star super market. Twenty units will be constructed behind the stables at the American Legion Fair Grounds, north of the existing West Haven facility. Also to be constructed is a new maintenance garage and office building. The office building will be built at 13th and Schult with a capacity of about 1,400 square feet. The maintenance building, which will be 2,400 square feet in size, will be constucted on the corner of 13th and Beckwith, directly behind, where a new duplex apartment, northwest of the project, will be located.

At the 13th Street site there will be 54, one-bedroom units and six, two-bedroom units. At the Fair Ground site, six units will have three bedrooms and fourteen units will have four bedrooms each.

The contractor is Ralph Boyer Construction Company, Sikeston. Boyer owns the property now under construction.

Stone stated that the projects should be completed by this time next year, and he indicated that the job may be finished by next October.

At the present time, construction includes the removal of approximately 15 old homes from the 13th Street site and several huge trees. Some of the homes are still occupied and residents have until January 4th to move out.

The Architectural firm for the project is Buchmueller-Whitworth-Forst of Sikeston.

Stone stated that the total cost of the 80 units has been estimated at $1,530,000.

Mystical, Magical Season

Christmas ... what memories it evokes. What joys it promises. In all of the recorded history of man, what other holiday compares with it?

It is the day long looked for ward to by children — yes, even in this cynical age, in this year of 1971 when even young children are quite knowledgeable. However, the smart youngsters keep some of this sophistication to themselves at Christmastime. It is economically feasible to at least pretend, at Christmastime. Even if we have 'strayed like lost sheep" from the faith of our childhood, if we can recapture some of it, we would be the better for it."

Some of the magic will "wear off" on us. That is magic, itself. And who is to dispute the validity of it?

Those of us who live in climates where snow can be expected at Christmas are lucky, indeed.

But all of us can simulate this pretty holiday picture. When the fog rolls in from the sea in the early morning during the "rainy season" in California, for example, we can pretend we are once again "lost" in that wonderful blizzardy world when one can hardly see out the window!

As Sir Walter Scott says ... "Heap on more wood! the wind is chill — But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Merry Christmas still."

Some of us wish that the wind would be chill, and whistle, and give us red noses, so that we would be afraid, as children, it might fall off!

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MR. AND MRS. J. N. THROOP of Matthews were presented a gift for being the couple married the longest at the Senior Citizens party sponsored by the Matthews Firette and Fireman organization last Sunday. They have been married 65 years. Mr. Throop also received a gift for being the oldest man present.



MRS. J. F. THRONBURG received a special gift for being the oldest woman at the first annual senior citizens party sponsored by the Matthews Firettes and Firemen organization last Sunday. She is 89 years old. Mrs. Lois Andrews, left, president of the Firettes and Gene Warren, fire chief, made the presentations.

Check Dangers In Toys

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toy ovens which can burn or shock. Punch balls which explode with enough bang to blind a child. BB-guns advertised to make "rainy days fun days" inside.

In a day of mounting consumer interest and pressure, government enforcers and private organizations agree some dangerous playthings will lurk on store shelves this Christmas season.

Edward M. Swartz, author of a book called "Toys that Don't Care," told a Senate committee: "the government and toy industry have still failed to act expeditiously to remove any appreciable number of hazardous toys from our retail shelves."

Other interested observers say toymakers are doing more than they ever have to insure the safety of their products.

Since last Christmas, the Food and Drug Administration, which enforces the two - year - old Toy Safety Act, has acted publicly against two potentially hazardous toys.

It found Nerf Balls, a lightweight plastic indoor toy, more flammable than the law allows.

And it issued a public warning about a widely marketed new toy known as a clacker — two plastic balls connected by a two - foot cord with a finger ring attached. Intended to clack rhythmically when the cord is spun, the FDA found the toy shatters easily on impact and its fragments capable of making deep cuts.

In neither action, complains Morris Kaplan, cirector of testing for Consumers' Union, was the hazard cleared from the shelves because the government stopped short of banning further sales or ordering a recall. With three shopping days remaining before last Christmas, the FDA banned 39 toys covering four general categories as dangerous.

—Dolls and stuffed animals which could break exposing sharp parts.

—Noise making toys with parts like squeekers which could cut, puncture, be inhaled or eaten.

—Caps or toy guns without caps which produce noise of 138 decibels or higher.

—Breakable toy rattles with parts that can cut, puncture, be inhaled or eaten.

The government's action came only after Consumer.s Union demonstrated the same hazards last fall and went to court seeking to force the FDA to move against retailers and manufacturers.

Since then, Malcolm Jensen has taken over as head of FDA's Bureau of Product Safety. He says he regrets last year's hasty and forced action and has installed new informal ways of keeping dangerous toys off the market.

When a hazard is found in a toy by an FDA field inspector, Jensen calls in the manufacturer or importer and with no publicity tells him he wants sales stopped. "Usually they agree," he says.

In this fashion, dolls loosely attached to their bodies with sharp wires, rattles which easily shatter leaving knife-like edges, drums which exposes sharp interiors when punctured and baby walkers which have amputed children's fingers have been halted in production or modified voluntarily over the past year,, he says.

Once a newspaper reporter brought Jensen a play hammer and nail set labeled for 3-5 year -olds. With two phone calls, Jensen says he obtained agreement from the toymaker to remark the package for five - year -olds and up.

"I may not have the legal authority to do it that way," he said in an interview, "but it works."

"But as long as we're short of a full set of standards, there will still be dangerous toys on the market."

By that Jensen means simple laboratory - developed tests for every category of domestic or imported toy which can be applied by government inspectors to make sure there are no potential hazards hidden in their construction.

For example, Jensen says the FDA now applies a 10-pound stress test for toys implanted with noisemakers like squeakers to make sure they can't be pulled out and inhaled.

Jensen thinks at least half the responsibility for insuring safe toys rests with parents. So he has issued a set of guidelines which will be made available for this Christmas season.

"The most popular toy is not necessarily the safest," he advises. Among other recommendations:

— Make sure the toy you buy is appropriate for the child's age (Jensen has been urging most toys be labeled with a minimum age limit.)

— Watch for removable parts which can be swallowed.

—Avoid shooting games or projectile devices like toy pistols which can endanger childrens' eyes.

— Stay clear of darts and arrows with removable suction cups.

—Don't buy toys with triggers, gears, springs, or motors capable of pinching fingers.

— Beware of flammable or explosive toys. Jensen says the FDA has found a battery - driven car which caught fire, a pen tip which exploded when plugged into a wall socket, and a chemistry set without sufficient cautionary labels.

Mobiles Wasted On Infants

Those darling traditional mobiles that have dangled over infants' cribs for generations may have amused the parents, but they did nothing for an meant nothing to the babies.

This is the well - researched opinion of Dr. Burton L. White, director of the Harvard University Pre - School Project. By way of explaining that mobiles are wasted on infants, he said that babies' early range of vision is only seven or eight inches and their heads habitually are positioned sideways. Dr. White believes in mobiles, but in those that are scientifically constructed and placed so they can be seen, enjoyed, and stimulate the infant's response to his surroundings.

Dr. White did ten years of research on infants in the home environment to substantiate his belief that the beginning point for infants' meaningful play and learning is the third week of life. At the conclusion of his research, he realized that special toys and equipment were needed for infants who were ready to learn by playing.

The result was Playtentials, the first progressive series of toys designed to give baby a headstart in fun and learning.

"The objective of Playtentials is to help infants achieve their full potential weeks earlier and develop the habit of being alert, inquisitive and confident," Dr. White said.

The key factor is precise positioning of innovative toys designed for optimum viewing batting, feeling, grasping and pulling by the infant at each stage of development.

Every one of the 13 Playtential toys is planned to entertain the crib occupant and to invite him to explore. Additionally, each one has a specific developmental goal.

Christmas Symbols

The star that you hang on the tip of your tree ... the mistletoe that Janie fastens hopefully at the doorway, these and other symbols of Christmas have reasons for being.

Legends about the Christmas tree abound. The Druids are said to have worshipped trees for themselves thousands of years ago. Gradually the tree took its rightful place among the symbols of worship.

In Scandinavia the people once idolized trees. When they became Christians they made trees part of Christmas festivities.

Another legend holds that the first Christmas tree was seen in a vision experienced by an English missionary named Winfrid. Later he was called Boniface. It happened about 1,200 years ago when he was going through northern Germany. One day he stumbled on a group of non - believers huddled at an oak tree. They were preparing to sacrifice a little pince, Asulf, to the god Thor.

Windrid stopped the ceremony an chopped down the oak. As the tree fell, a young fir tree appeared. Winfrid interpreted this as the tree of life, saying it interpreted Christ.

New Madrid Community Calendar

SATURDAY
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
MONDAY
Rotary Club meets 6:15 p.m. Monday at Rosie's Colonial Restaurant.
MONDAY
Masonic Lodge meets 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic temple. Open installation of officers.
MONDAY
Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. Monday at Gardner's Cafe, at Cross Truck Stop, highway 61 north.
TUESDAY
Chapter 293, Order of Eastern Star meets 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Masonic temple.
WEDNESDAY
Jaycees meet 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Jaycee building, 710 Riley St.

Hospital Notes

DEXTER MEMORIAL: Admitted:
Gloria Ellis, Sikeston
O. C. Medford, Dexter
Margaret Medford, Dexter
Shane Medford, Dexter
Kimberly Medford, Dexter
Marietta Grammer, Ponitiac, Mich.
Ruby Blankenship, Canalou
Larry Wheeler, Jacksonville, Ark.
Released:
Edward Pope, Dexter
Ida Wethington, Essex
Retha Meroney, Dexter

PEMISCOT MEMORIAL:
Admitted:
Zennie Hudspeth, Hayti
Robbie Farris, Caruthersville
Cathy Alexander, Caruthersville
Ernest Lacy, Caruthersville
Lettie Booker, Caruthersville
Ada Powell, Caruthersville
Verlon Casteel, Carthersville
Judy Rhodes, Caruthersville
David Riddick, Deering
Kathy Marshall, Risco
John Cummings, Portageville
Marie Triplett, Portageville
Released:
J. C. Moore, Hayti
Barry Phillips, Hayti
Mark Manley, Hayti
David Evans, Hayti
Dorothy Stewart, Hayti
Louise Cooper, Hayti
Jurlean Cooper, Hayti
Jurlean Carter, Hayti
Almare Hill, Hayti
James Harris, Hayti
Kathy Morgan, Caruthersville
Jean Holliman and baby girl, Caruthersville
Charlie May, Carhersville
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Elsie Robinson, Hayti
Fred Robinson, Hayti
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William Broderick, Steele
Susan Brumley, Steele
Mary Ann Holland, Wardell
May Wilson, Wardell
Johnnie Neeley, Wardell
Willie Norrid, Holland
Thomas Williams, Howardville
Freda Hamra, Dyersburg, Tenn.

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY:
Released:
Willie Burns, Sikeston
Lawson Bailey, Oran
Affie Crawford, East Prairie
Russell Frala, Lilbourn
Nealy Warren, East Prairie
Helen Hill, Sikeston
Clara Clark, Sikeston
Elizabeth Matthews, Sikeston
Francis Moss, Cairo, Ill.
Amenia Lott, Sikeston
Tonya Davis, Sikeston
Clara Stewart, Sikeston
Hallie May Ward, Dexter
Paul Hill, Charleston
Jackie Johnson, Sikeston
Bobby Gates, New Madrid
John Marshall, Charleston
Richard Smith, Lake Worth, Fla.
Charlene Johnson, Blodgett
Carrie Harmon, Charleston
Jimmy Wyatt, Sikeston
Earl M. Allen, Sikeston

Total Patients Discharged	23
Total Patients Admitted	12
Births	2

EMERGENCY DEPT

Accident Emergencies	6
Medical Emergencies	29
Others	13
Total seen in emergency room	48

MISSOURI DELTA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
CENSUS REPORT 12-24-71

Area	Total Beds	Patients	Reserved Emer. Beds	Gen. Adm. Beds
Med.-Surg.	139	99	6	34
Pediatrics	30	11	0	19
Obstetrics	14	7	0	7
Intensive Care	7	7	0	0

Patients scheduled for admission today: 0

Woman's Page Editor

Deanna Galemore

471-1137

Ann Landers

Woman Won't Yell, Tell, Swell

Dear Ann Landers: You do a lot of good. Please do some more by advising the unattached bachelors to be wiser and more compassionate when selecting objects for their affection. It will pay off in the long run. Instead of pursuing the young, beautiful, sought-after female, I strongly recommend the woman who is over 50 -- not veautiful, and not the target of every guy in town. My reasons are the following:

1. They will not yell.
2. They will not tell.
3. They will not swell.
4. They are grateful as hell.

No, I am not a rounder. I've been happily married for over 30 years. But if something happens to the Little Woman, I'll know where to look. -Fargo.

Dear Fargo: Thanks for your letter. I'm glad you'll know "where to look." Make sure you don't start looking before something happens to the Little Woman, or something might happen to YOU.

* * *

Dear Ann Landers: We had a fire in our home last week and I feel like the luckiest person in the world. Yes -- lucky because my husband and I and our two children are alive. When I think of what might have happened, I shake all over.

The fire started in the living room -- faulty wiring. It was 3:00 a.m. when I smelled smoke. By the time I realized there was a fire downstairs, I couldn't see my hand in front of my face. I awakened my husband, called the fire department, grabbed the children and made a run for the back stairs. It was so full of smoke we had to turn back. I remember reading something years ago about wet bedsheets over the head with holes poked through for the eyes. We raced to the bedroom, took the sheets off the bed, held them under the shower, poked holes with a scissors and I carried one child while my husband carried the other down the back stairs to safety.

That wet bedsheet stunt probably saved our lives. And now I want to thank you -- because it was in your column that I read it -- at least 12 years ago. --- Mrs. J.D.P.

Dear Mrs. J.D.P.: Your letter made my day. Thank you for letting me know. I hope every word you wrote will be read carefully by others. Who knows when any of us might need that lifesaving advice?

* * *

Dear Ann Landers: Recently you printed a very interesting column from a young girl who wanted to know why her boyfriend kept his eyes open when he kissed her. She said it made her uncomfortable and I can certainly understand why. That letter stirred a young man to write about HIS girl who didn't know what to do with her arms when he kissed her. He said they hung at her side like a couple of corn stalks.

Your advice was to suggest to the girl that she put them around his shoulders. That was very sensible, Ann. And now, I am a 20-year-old who has another question which might seem dumb, but I need an answer. How close should I stand to a rather new boyfriend when I kiss him goodnight? -- Della

Dear D.; Stand close enough so he'll know you're a woman -- but far enough away so he'll know you're a lady.

* * *

How far should a teen-age couple go? Can necking be safe? When does it become too hot to handle? Send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Necking And Petting -- What Are the Limits?" Mail your request to Ann Landers in care of your newspaper enclosing 50 cents in coin and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Reverend Xavier Yangtze Zanzibar (pseudonym), P. O. Box 252, Dexter, Mo., answering the question "Is Darwin's theory consistent with Bible teachings?", comments as follows. First, a theory must have some reasonable proof, otherwise it becomes wild specualtion, and we note Darwinists spend most of their time explaining why they can furnish not one iota of evidence in support of their belief. Accordingly, Darwin's brainchild is not a theory, but must be classed as a mere fantasy, a wishful illusion, or an incoherent hypothesis. Secondly, Darwinism is as logical and feasible as the assumption that our Webster's International Dictionary emulated from an explosion in a printshop. G'nite Y'awl!!!

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Looking Back

Sam Brady Holiday Gift

50 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 24, 1921

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Corrigan and family of Poplar Bluff will spend Christmas with Mrs. Corrigan's mother, Mrs. Bettie Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cross returned to their home in McCombe, Miss., Monday after spending two weeks with friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Slater of Gordonville will spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Mayfield and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lindsay Brown and children of Charleston spent a few days this week with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sikes, and other relatives here.

40 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 24, 1931

Miss Emily Blanton has arrived from Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, Miss., to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Blanton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes returned from St. Louis Wednesday.

Sam Brady, Jr., arrived at Trinity Hospital, Little Rock, Ark., Monday morning as a Christmas gift to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brady.

Smokey Sutton, student at Central College, Fayette, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sutton.

30 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 24, 1941

Vernon Gossell, who was employed at Lee's Print Shop, left Sunday for his home in Wisconsin to spend the Christmas Holidays, following which he will join the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haubein are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter Friday in Ames, Iowa, who has been named Nancy Lou. Mrs. Haubein was Miss Weetson Inez Hollingsworth, daughter of Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth, before her marriage.

Gene Aldrich, son of Mrs. Ada Aldrich of 212 Trotter, is a radio operator on a torpedo plane that recently was in the Pacific waters. No word has been received from him since the outbreak of war in that theater.

E. H. Berry, public accountant, announced Saturday that he would open, probably by the end of this week, an office in the Stallcup Building. This city does not not have the services of an accountant. Berry will occupy the offices formerly utilized by the late M. G. Gresham. The accountant comes to Sikeston from Silver City, N. M., where he has been in business a year following 13 years in Memphis, four of which he practiced law as well as accounting. His wife and mother, Mrs. E. S. Berry, will move to Sikeston as soon as he can find housing accommodations.

20 YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 24, 1951

Mrs. Julian Keirsey and daughter, Kay, of Memphis arrived last Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Buckles. Mr. Keirsey expect to join them later.

Harlan Hurd, minister of the Church of Christ in Jonesboro, Ark., returned to his home Tuesday morning after visiting friends here since last Sunday.

Canalou - Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Newman and niece, Wanda, were weekend guests of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Newman and children at Oran.

Morley — Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Phillips are parents of a son born Sunday morning at the Delta Community Hospital in Sikeston.

Book Review

AND NOT TO YIELD
By James Ramsey Ullman
(Avon W306/$1.25
408 pp.)

AND NOT TO YIELD is the twentieth and final book by James Ramsey Ullman, author of such bestselling titles as THE WHITE TOWER and THE DAY ON FIRE and one of the world's most knowledgeable men about mountains and mountain climbing whose books have sold in excess of 8,000,000 copies.

In his last book, Ullman returns to the mountains that stretch to the sky to challenge the souls and bodies of the men who attempt to master them. AND NOT TO YIELD portrays a man's obsessive need to conquer Dera Zor, the towering mountain in the Himalayas which had defied him for twenty years.

At last Eric Venn refuses to yield to the awesome heights and the snowy, frigid shoulder the mountain presents to all who would scale it. High in the vast loneliness of the mountain's western flank, Eric's life streaks across his mind in a series of searing flashbacks: Italy and a mountain which concealed treacherous crags as well as Nazis; Paris and a woman whose love was more magnetic than any mountain; and finally, Dera Zor, the mountain that was the instrument of his sister's death and the mountain he was born to conquer.

AND NOT TO YIELD was a full selection of the Literary Guild withh more than 200,000 haardcovers in print.

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

I have been a fairly good boy the past year. I'm 6 years old. Please bring me a Electric Train, a thing to look at pictures and any toys you want to leave.

Be careful Christmas Eve. If you're hungry look on the kitchen table. Thank you

Michael Spitler

Rhode Island has the longest official name of any state in the Union—State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Hundreds To Gather At Bethelehem

BETHLEHEM, S.D. (AP) — Hundreds of residents of the Black Hills will gather here Christmas Eve as they have since 1956 when Benedictine Monks constructed a Shrine of Nativity in a nearby cave.

The Rev. Gilbert Stack, one of the Founding fathers of Bethlehem, will celebrate Mass and light the Candles of Peace for All Nations from an eternal flame that signifies the Light of Christ.

Located 20 miles northwest of Rapid City, S.D., the site of Bethlehem was a gift to the fathers and monks of Conception Abbey, of Conception, Mo., 15 years ago by the late Louis Storm, a converted Catholic. Storm and his wife are now buried in a tomb near the cave.

The cave and the eternal light that burns inside are of special significance, Father Gilbert explained. "Christ was born in a stable in a cave and almost all religions and cults in the history of the world have placed special emphasis on light," he said.

Services are held at the Shrine each day during the tourist season and on all religious holidays. Worshippers are invited to attend a candlelight procession and join in a litany for peace.

Bethlehem Cave was the original Crystal Cave of the Black Hills. It nestles high above the Little Elk Creek Canyon and is accessible only by traveling six miles of narrow, twisting dirt road after leaving Interstate 90.

There is no admission charge for touring the cave and viewing the shrine. Visitors are asked to register, however, and names go on a mailing list which hopefully will produce donors.

During the Christmas season, from 20,000 to 30,000 greeting cards are received and remailed to the senders so they may have the postmark of Bethlehem on their envelopes.

Mail Box

Dear Charlie:

Having read your editorial of December the 20th regarding mobile homes I believe there should be an explanation offered in greater depth, rather than "skimming the surface" as you did.

Congressman Bill Burleson has introduced a bill before the house which would make it a law that all mobile homes throughout the nation be anchored and strapped down to prevent loss of life and property damage in case of storms. I am not so sure that Mr. Burleson is interested in mobile homes and their occupants rather than trying to help one of his good friends in Cape Girardeau who has just invented a system of anchors and straps. It is hard for one to believe that a congressman from the 10th district of Missouri would be vitally interested in mobile homes and families living in such states as Alaska or Hawaii, not to mention the other 50 states. One sometimes wonders just how long it will be before the "Washington and Jeff City Wonders" decide to enact laws that will tell us when to get up and when to go to bed. Evidently these "magicians" think John Q. Taxpayer needs to be bottle fed and never weaned.

From your article, Charlie, you seem to concur that government action is needed as you state to "force" the mobile home industry to build a superior product. Just when Charlie have you been through a mobile home to inspect its construction etc? I have been in the mobile home business for 15 years here in Sikeston. My sales lot is only three (3) blocks from your office and I have yet to see you set foot in one of my mobile homes. So really, what do you know about mobile homes, much less have the gall to say they are an inferior product.

Our mobile homes are constructed to meet or exceed federal regulations No. 119,1-1969 which I dare say are as stringent as are the construction codes applying to the "stick built" 235 and 236 homes they are placing all over Sikeston. In all of my mobile homes there are steel straps built into the walls and over the roof to which anchors can be attached. These straps and anchors have a breaking strength of 5500 pounds each and the tensil strength is from 110,000 to 140,000 pounds per square inch. They have been tested and approved by the University of Michigan, Department of Engineering and Battle Institute of Columbus, Ohio. I can sell a set of anchors and straps installed for $100.00, so they are not costly as you stated.

This problem can be solved simply. Let the insurance companies who insure mobile homes in Missouri require, before issuing a policy, that the mobile home be underpinned, anchored and strapped. This rule applies in many states and as a result has greatly reduced the loss of life and property damages. It is a mandatory rule that before an insurance company will issue a homeowners policy that the family, premises and home meet stringent underwirting requirements so why not for mobile homes? Let the insurance companies solve this problem, not the government.

Sincerely yours,
Dick McDougal

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I am 8 years old, and in the 3rd grade. I have been a good helper for my mother and tried to be very good. Please bring me a typewriter, shoppin Sheryl, if you have any left, and a pair of lace up boots.

Refreshments will be on the Kitchen Table.

Thank you
Sherry Spitler

What's The Law

Love Note Obscene

By Jack Strauss, L.L.B.

Bert sent his girl friend a passionate love letter that was intercepted by her impassionate mother. And, with each vivid word that she read, her eyes opened a little wider and her mouth sagged a little lower.

By the time she had finished the last paragraph, she was half way out of the front door and on her way to have Bert arrested on charges of sending Lewd "matter" through the mails.

"A letter should be seen and not obscene," she complained to the authorities. "What Bert wrote to my daughter would have made even Lady Chatterly blush."

"But, I wasn't writing to Lady Chatterly," was Bert's answer. "I was writing to my girl friend. Certainly, it's no crime for a fellow to write a love letter to his sweetheart. Besides," he said, "a private letter isn't 'matter,' it's a letter."

The charge was ultimately presented in court.

IF YOU WERE THE JUDGE, would you convict Bert for sending a smoldering love letter through the mails?

This is how the judge ruled: YES! The judge held that a private letter comes within the law prohibiting the sending of obscene matter through the mails. Because two people may be lovers, noted the judge, their relationship gives them no special privileges in using the mials.

(Based upon a 1961 United States Court of Appeals Decision)

Yule Lines In Legend And Lore

Twinkling on trees, glowing from windows, glittering everywhere Christmas lights reflect, today, the candles of an earlier time.

A candle in the window can light the Christ Child on his way, says Irish legend.

Nativity scenes in homes and churches depict the animals of the Manger — and on Christmas Eve, the cattle, the sheep and all the animals present at the Nativity are given the gift of speech.

So says the lore of Christmas.

Blossoms on the holiday scene, greens and flowers spread their beauty and fragrance, reminding all of the living wonder of Christmas.

In legend, all flowers bloom at midnight on Christmas Eve, just as they did more than 2,000 years ago.

The legend and love of Christmas expresses the simple faith that lies at the heart of all this happy, holy time.

Some of the most delightful of legends are told in carols.

From France comes the "Carol of the Birds." Its words recount how the birds flew to Bethlehem to behold the Christ Child. Each bird, as it flew, sang a special song of praise and rejoicing.

There's a "Carol of the Flowers," too. Summoned to the presence of the newborn King, every flower blossomed, and each blossom was a symbol of the Little One's virtues.

Seafaring peoples, in their own way, related nature's wonders to the miracle of the nativity through carols.

"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing" Tells of ships crossing the sea on Christmas morn, bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Henotheism

Henotheism was the ancient belief that there is one Supreme Being, but that there may be other subsidiary gods. It allowed for belief in tribal or family deities, subject to the Supreme Being.

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Church & Religious News

Harpist To Play For Christmas Eve Service

Mrs. Kenneth Smitten will play the harp for the 18th consecutive year for the Christmas Eve service at St. Paul's Church at 9 p.m. tonight.

While a student of the harp, and later as a concert artist, she played for a period of eight years for like services in various churches in New York City.

The service at St. Paul's will begin with the ringing of a bronze, pre-civil war bell, which Mrs. Smitten is donating to her church as a thank offering. Two numbers will be rendered as the prelude, "Silent Night," and "Away in the Manger."

The traditional Anglican rite for the Holy Eucharist or "Christ Mass" will be used by the Vicar. The congregation will sing familiar carols accompanied by the harp, the selections being: "Adeste Fidelis," the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," and Franz Grueber's "Holy Night." She has selected for the offertory a special arrangement for the harp a number entitled, "Greensleeves."

Special emphasis is being placed on the ecumenical character of the service where in all members of the Christian faith may take part in worship and song; and as for many centuries, those who receive communion in their respective churches are invited to join in faith and receive communion as a single family of God. The public is invited to attend.

Unique Sesquicentennial Service

CHARLESTON — During 1971 many Missouri Sesquicentennial celebrations have been held throughout the state. Perhaps one of the most unique observances was in Mississippi County.

The week-long celebration began with a Day of Faith in the churches.

The First Baptist Church of Charleston was the scene of a service similar to those of the past. The members wore the attire of 150 years ago; the men sat on one side of the church — the women on the other; the hymns sung were all written before Missouri became a state.

The choir anthem was an arrangement of "The Promised Land." The Girls' Chorus sang "The Lonesome Valley" with autoharp accompaniment. The last hymn, "Lord, Dismiss Us With They Blessings," was sung by "lining a tune." John Newberry, the church's minister of music, lined the hymn and the congregation repeated it.

Miss Susan Brown was the organist for the morning — playing an old pump organ. Dinner was served on the grounds after the service.

H. W. Chaney is the pastor of First Church.

Mrs. Warren E. Hearnes, a former member, was in charge of arrangements for the service. Mrs. Harry Warren, Jr., was general chairman for the week.

In the evening the churches in the country had a union service in honor of all the men from the community who had surrendered to the call of the ministry and the priesthood.

At the end of the week a service was held in honor of all the men who had given their lives in the service of their country.

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ACCEPTS SPECIAL DISC — His Excellency Eduardo Z. Romualdez, the Philippines ambassador to the United States, right, accepts special "Christmas In The Philippines" golden record from Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, speaker on The Lutheran Hour.

Lutheran Hour Record To Philippine Envoy

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, speaker on The Lutheran Hour, recently presented a special "gold record" of the program, "Christmas In the Philippines," to His Excellency Eduardo Z. Romualdez, the Philippine ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Romualdez accepted the record on behalf of President and Mrs. Ferdinand Marcos, who were interviewed by Dr. Hoffman during the special Lutheran Hour Christmas program.

The ambassador expressed appreciation over the fact that this year, during the season when the spirit of peace is being proclaimed, "The Lutheran Hour will be focusing the attention of its worldwide audience on "Christmas In the Phillipines."

"We are the most appreciative of your thoughtuflness in presenting this beautiful disc to the president of our country," Ambassador Romualdez told Dr. Hoffman.

Dr. Hoffman later commented, in a lighter vein, that the only place he did not notice "any spirit of peace in the Phillippines was in the Manila traffic."

The presentation took place in the reception room of the Philippine embassy here. Guests for the presentation included Gerdenio Manuel, the for the presentation Philippine consul general, and Chaplain (Col.) Hans E. Sanrock, USAF, executive director of the Armed Forces Chaplain Board.

"Christmas In the Philippines" will be broadcast over approximately 3,000 radio stations throughout the world in the period between Dec. 19 and Dec. 31.

Special outlets for the program include Vatican Radio, Radio Free Europe, the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, East German Radio and Radio Liberty.

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This week's Uniform INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Dr. William H. Taft

FOR DECEMBER 26, 1971

Scripture: Luke 3:15-22; Luke 4:1-15

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JESUS OVERCOMES TEMPTATION

Man is tempted every day during his life. Jesus, too, was tempted and through these encounters He identified Himself closer with mankind.

Many persons believe today's youths are up against more numerous temptations than were those youths in previous generations. Certainly temptations have always existed and will continue to exist for all persons who have ideals and moral struggles to overcome.

Temptations, often subtle and varied, must be recognized before they can be overcome. All temptations tend to chip away at one's faith.

In today's lesson we review the three major temptations Jesus encountered. In these incidents He provides a spiritual heritage for us to consider as we daily encounter such struggles.

A temptation obviously is a supreme test. Today's scriptures tells how Jesus was tested by the devil.

First, the devil challenged Jesus to turn the stones into bread and thus satisfy His hunger after going forty days without food. The devil seeks to raise doubt in Jesus' mind, and in the minds of the readers as well, by saying, "IF you are the Son of God".

Often one is tempted today in the same psychological manner. Yet Jesus could reply that "Man cannot five by bread alone."

Next the devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. Certainly, this is picture language as the devil promised Jesus control over these kingdoms with one restriction: Jesus had to rule under the devil's direction.

To this offer Jesus replied that a person can serve only one master. Jesus refused to divide His loyalty—He refused to "sell out" to the devil.

The final temptation placed before Jesus by the devil was the challenge to jump from the top of the temple. The devil again said, "IF you are the Son of God," the angels will save you.

Jesus reminded the devil that, "You are not to put the Lord Your God to the test."

In each test Jesus turned to the Book of Deuteronomy for His replies. He proved again that nothing worthwhile can be gained by debasement or by yielding to temptation based on physical gains.

Victory over any temptation comes only after a great struggle. Today's world is highlighted by temptations, many involving our lust for power.

Many individuals are tempted by the political world, some will make any promise or any allegiance for their own gains.

We are tempted to act in ways not consistent with Jesus' reactions to His temptations. We tend to place too much emphasis on "bread", or material resources.

In these temptations Jesus related Himself to us today. He demonstrated how one can use his spiritual heritage to overcome the most tempting offers.

It is normal for us to be tempted yet a right relationship with God will provide the strength needed to overcome the temptations.

From the moment we are old enough to know right from wrong we are tempted. We must learn to say, "yes", or "no," for there is no middle ground. We accept or we reject God's offer to help us.



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Methodist Youths Plan Watch Night

MALDEN — A district-wide watch night service for United Methodist youth is scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. Dec. 31 in the Malden United Methodist Church, it was announced today by the Rev. Paul Rains, district youth director and pastor at Bell City.

Special music, singing, talks by teen-agers and a midnight message by the Rev. Sterling Aubuchon are planned. Also, there will be a time of looking back on the old year and looking ahead to the new one.

Refreshments will be served throughout the night and dress will be casual.

All tenn-agers are invited, whether they are Methodist or not.

Trinity Hosts Christmas Eve Family Service

A Christmas Eve family worship service for members and friends of Trinity Baptist Church will be held at 7:30 tonight.

The Rev. George W. Cummins, Jr., pastor, also announced that the student generation of the church will be spotlighted Sunday in conjunction with special, convention-wide recognition given students by Southern Baptists at Christmas.

Bishop Plans Counseling For COs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Roman Catholic bishop of Memphis says he plans to establish draft counseling services in his diocese and is seeking volunteers to help staff them.

The Most Rev. Carroll T. Dozier, in a 5,700-word pastoral letter issued at Masses Sunday, asked for help with the services and urged Catholics to work for immediate U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam.

Candlelight Service To Be Held Tonight

A Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service open to the public will be held at 7 o'clock tonight at Hunter Memorial First Presbyterian Church, according to an announcement by the Rev. Tom Bass, pastor.

Baptist Group Again To Fight Horse Betting

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — The Missouri Baptist Christian Life Commission said it has decided to oppose State Rep. Earl Schlef's second effort to pass a constitutional amendment to allow betting on horse racing.

The commission opposed the first one which the voters defeated in a special election last Oct. 5.

The new one, besides allowing parimutuel betting on horse races, also would allow at the track betting on dog races, bingo and other games of chance operated by not-for-profit charitable or church groups.



DAVID POLING, D.D.

Your Personal Yule Message

By REV. DAVID POLING

There are really two Christmas stories. The big one is the record of the New Testament in describing the birth of Jesus Christ. It is filled with excitement, drama, tragedy and hope. Read quickly the story again and you are startled to find so much comment on travel, politics, child-care, census, in-keeping and money. There is also music, crowds, animals and trips to Egypt. The first Christmas never loses touch; it has all the problems and hopes of today.

The other Christmas story is yours—your own experience, your anticipations and your relations with God and man. Christmas helps us to put these into annual perspective. Our gifts to others hold as much love and affection as they do obligation and habit. These emotions are never totally separate, not always of the peak motivation. The Advent Season comes as a reminder that the life we are living can be measured against Him who gave the world meaning and direction.

And a large part of one's Christmas story is the message we send to others in greetings, letters and cards. I know they are a chore. Keeping addresses straight and looking up zip codes. Being annoyed at the constant rise in postal rates. And the fear of forgetting someone who has already mailed you a priceless card from overseas. But these letters are part of the treasure, they have value and they express much in art and prose. One friend, who is a pastor in the Midwest, wrote this paragraph on his Christmas greeting, mixing humor with heartbreak:

"Our choir director had his tonsils out . . . a few church members are upset (understatement) because of national church action that seemed to support Angela Davis (her brother is in town at college and met with our adult class) . . . one college graduate, now in med school in Mexico, stopped to spend some days with us (we were away on vacation), so he continued his way across the country in his old VW bus with girl friend, paying travel costs by selling Mexican handicraft . . . my successor in former parish divorced his wife (and thought it necessary to comment on this personal situation from the pulpit) . . . my associate minister performed a marriage three months after I had buried the groom's first wife and is now trying to preserve the new wife's sanity by counseling."

This may hardly qualify as a stirring Christmas message, but my friend concluded:

"This is the real world in which you and I live, the world Christ entered with his power to meet the needs of the sick, the confused, the libertine, the trapped and the one who at the moment is not in crises. Welcome, Jesus: Merry Christmas, friends!"

The Christmas message is the best of all that we know. It brings together our own and the Coming of Christ and that is why it is called Good News.



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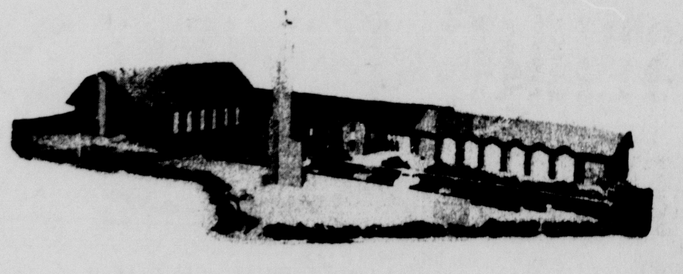
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JACK ANDERSON SAYS: A CHRISTMAS FABLE: The Story Of The Little Jug The Three Wise Men Brought As A Passing Present To The Baby Jesus Born In The Town Of Bethlehem.

(Editor's Note: A few years ago, Jack Anderson went to Nazareth in search of a Christmas story. He found it in the humble ruins where Mary and Joseph are believed to have brought up the Christ Child. In the diggings, Anderson discovered a pottery fragment, which the Smithsonian Institution said must have been fashioned before Christ's time. Could it have been part of a jug that once belonged to Jesus? Captivated with this possibility, Anderson wrote the story that follows.)

WASHINGTON— "Behold, there came wise men from the east....And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."--St. Matthew 2: 1, 11.

Among the offerings, set a little to one side almost apologetically, was the jug. It contained a measure of sweet oil, good for a baby's skin. Unlike the other gifts, the jug could not be called valuable; nor was it an object of great beauty.

The unknown potter who had fashioned it, turning its shape on a primitive wheel and baking it in a crude oven, probably sold it for a copper coin and was glad to get the money that would keep his family for another day.

But an inspiration that he did realize had gone into his fingers. The jug developed a grace that eyes, more sophisticated than his, could appreciate. The baking produced a rich, burnt-sugar glow that grew deeper and more glossy from the sweat of the hands that held it;

The wise men included the jug among their gifts as an afterthought; a little sweet oil, they decided, might be useful for a new born babe. But as often is the way with the small, unconsidered gift, it was to become the most deeply cherished of all.

For the Christ Child was typical of many another youngster who will scorn expensive presents and lavish his affection upon some small object that he invests with the genius of his own imagination.

When Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt to save the Baby from King Herod's vengeance, they had room only for the bare essentials. Yet somehow the jug was carried along, and it was still with them when they returned to Nazareth after the terror.

Now the Child in the cradle was growing, uttering His first words, stretching out His hands. But there were no toys with which to fill them. What more natural than that a busy mother, looking around for something to amuse her Son, should see the jug and place it in the cradle with a few olive stones inside to make it rattle?

From that moment, the jug took on a new destiny, a new beauty, a new dignity. Was it imagination, Mary asked herself, or just a trick of light and shadow that seemed to give the vessel a richer glow when it was in her Son's hands? No other plaything made Him more happy. He slept with it; He reached for it on waking; He wanted it always to be near.

As a toddler, clutching at her skirts, He carried the jug on their trips together to the well so He could draw His own water. As a growing boy, helping Joseph at his carpentry, He had the jug always close by, containing a refreshing drink that could be poured straight out of the spout into a dusty throat.

Sometimes Mary would place a flower in the jug to give their drab home a little color. It was a humble home, part cave, part hut made of sun-dried brick. At the back was space for grape and olive presses with storage bins hewn out of the rock. Like everything else to be seen in the village, the hut seemed almost to grow out of the rugged hillside.

Lower Galilee was a frontier in those days, and the village of Nazareth did not enjoy the best reputation. Nathanael, the guileless Israelite, was later to exclaim upon hearing of Christ: "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Yet if beggars and thieves sometimes found their way to the little village, it only deepened Jesus' sympathy for life's outcasts.

The jug went along with Jesus when, at 12, He was taken to Jerusalem for His first Passover. It became an inseparable companion, too, when He went on rambles with other boys into the hidden places of the valley.

The further they got from Nazareth, the more the squalor of the little village receded. It merged into the rugged landscape of gnarled olive trees, dark green vines, and jagged cliffs like compound fractures in the earth.

The dust kicked up by the travelers, some on foot, others astride donkeys, lent a mist of enchantment. As He scanned the valley, lost in visions beyond the ken of His companions, Jesus stroked the jug and relished its cool porous surface.

Once Jesus began His ministry, the favorite jug remained behind. Yet who can say what part it may have played in his miracles? When the lame beggar stopped at the door, Mary let him drink from the jug. She could almost swear he walked away with new strength in his shriveled leg. And the blind man who sucked at its spout was seen later running joyfully and rubbing his eyes.

The jug did not make the last journey with Christ to the hill of Golgotha. He carried a heavier burden, the Cross on which He was to die. How He must have longed for the jug when the sponge of vinegar was brushed against His lips. How His nailed hands must have ached for the touch of its smooth sides.

Below Him, weeping, stood His mother and the others. His last thoughts were for her welfare. Seeing a disciple whom He loved standing by, Jesus called to His mother.

"Woman," He cried tenderly, nodding toward the disciple John, "behold thy son!"

Then to the disciple, He said: "Behold thy mother!::

What of the jug? It's life, too, was over. When Mary returned to Nazareth to pack her few humble belongings, she saw it last of all glowing on the shelf. Her eyes welled with tears as she clutched it lovingly to her bosom.

Then in the next instant, it slipped from her sorrowing hands and shattered on the hard earthen floor. One fragment remained after her departure to survive the centuries as a symbol of faith perhaps or of a simpler lesson: that the smallest gift may yet be the most important of all.

School Of Ozarks Seeks To Remove Trust Fund Snags

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Officials of the School of the Ozarks at Point Lookout, Wednesday asked for a declatory judgment from the Cole County Circuit Court to remove snags blocking its share of earnings on a $60 million trust fund.

Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis has refused to make payments from capital gains on the trust fund left by Lewis W. Hyer unless authorized by the court.

The school said new regulations as part of the Tax Reform Act of 1969 and the Internal Revnue Code require reformation of the charitable trust if heavy excises taxes are to be avoided.

The School of the Ozarks is the principal beneficiary of the trust and is supposed to receive 65 per cent of earnings. Others include various hospitals and a scholarship program at the school.

The suit was brought in Cole County naming Atty. Gen. John C. Danforth in his role as "guardian of charitable trust."

Father Promises $10,000 To Man To Marry Another

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Jack Alan Wilson says that when he was courting Sylvia Wagner her father gave him a contract promising him $10,000 if he would marry someone else.

Wilson claims he has complied with this and some provisions, but Joseph Wagner, a Los Angeles businessman whose company makes lingerie, says he shouldn't have to pay the $10,000.

Wilson, a 23-year-old Royal Oak man home on leave from the Army, went into Oakland County Circuit Court Monday to seek the $10,000.

He said that more than a year ago Wagner promised him the money if he would stop seeing his daughter, marry anyone else within five years, stay married for at least a year, and not talk about the deal.

Attorneys say Wagner, a Jew, didn't want his daughter to marry out of his faith. Wilson is a Baptist.

Wilson has been married more than a year to a girl he had dated before he met Miss Wagner while attending college in California, according to his father.

Wilson claims he also kept quiet. But shortly before he was due to pick up the money last month, Wagner went to court, claiming that he was "under great mental duress" when he signed the contract.

Judge William J. Beer of Circuit Court said Monday that he believed a contract not to marry probably would be void, especially since one condition was that Miss Wagner not be told. He added that no court would honor any agreement that either prohibited or encouraged marriage.

He gave attorneys one hour to settle the claim out of court.

The attorneys returned to court and told the judge they had reached a settlement.

"I can't say what the settlement is," said Curt Rundell, Wilson's attorney. "That was part of the settlement."

Henry Baskin, the attorney representing Wagner, wouldn't say either.

Skiing Action , Color Make Exciting Photos

Skiing means action and high drama. The sport is at its best in some of the world's most scenic locations. Ski garb is colorful and infinitely varied. This makes skiing an exciting subject for photography.

Skiing is a supreme test of skill and endurance, and taking pictures of skiers poses comparable challenges to the photographer. Remote locations, snow and cold, abnormal light conditions and the sd the sport's fast movement make ski pictures a test of your photographic skill but they also create the potential for dramatic and unusual pictures.

There is a wide range of special techniques and precautions that contribute to successful ski photography, according to Norman Kerr, an Eastman Kodak Company photographer who specializes in pictures of the winter sport. Among Kerr's ski photographs are those used in two dramatic 60 -- by 20-foot Colorama transparencies displayed in New York City's Grand Central Terminal during recent winters.

PROFESSIONAL OFFERS ADVICE

Following is a summary of Kerr's suggestions for good ski photographs, advice made timely by growing interest in skiing and the imminent Olympic winter games in Sapuro, Japan.

Equipment should be easily portable. A kodak Instamatic camera or typical 35 mm model is suitable. The new Instamatic X-30 camera has been selected for use by the U.S. Olympic teams and all team members will receive the camera. The Instamatic X-30 camera is a moderately priced still camera with extended range electronic exposure control. It is designed for use under a wide range of picture - taking conditions -- for example, light varying from bright winter outdoor sunlight to the level of the interior of a ski lodge. An additional plus is the maximum speed of 1/125th of a second, which is fast enough to stop many sports action situations.

Little else besides the camera and film is really needed, and traveling light is important because it is often necessary to ski to the places where the interesting action is.

The camera should be small enough to fit inside a ski parka. Outdoor temperatures in ski country are cold enough to slow down shutter speeds and therefore cause overexposure of photographs. Body heat beneath outer clothing will keep the camera warm. By keeping the camera in a plastic sandwich bag, you can avoid moisture condensation that will freeze when the camera is brought out in the cold air.

Many photographers blame light reflected from the snow for overexposures, but a shutter slowed by cold is the greater problem. Avoid prolonged exposure to conditions of high chill factor, wuch as riding a chair lift with a camera not protected by outer garments.

LIGHT METER ERRORS

Light reflected from snow can cause erroneous readings on light meters. These readings are based on the snowy white background rather than the subject -- the skier. One way to minimize this is for the photographer to take readings off his own clothing. Any reading that produces an exposure more than one stop less than normal should be questioned.

The best policy is to consult the data sheet packed with film for exposure information. Use the setting recommended for bright sun. This, as a rule, will produce excellent results.

Use a skylight filter on the lens, if possible. This will cut down ultraviolet light that produces harsh blue tints on color film and it also serves as an inexpensive lens protection.

If a camera falls in the snow or the lens or shutter freeze up, it is best to take it back to the ski lodge, where indoor temperatures are warm and the air is dry. Allow the camera to thaw out by itself for several hours and then click the shutter a dozen or more times to be sure it is working smoothly. Attempting to force a frozen shutter can result in damage and expensive repairs.

It often is better to take ski pictures late in the day -- after 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. Texture of the snow and detail in the subject will photograph better than in direct mid - day sunlight. High - speed film is not necessary because light is ample even for very fast shutter speeds.

SNOW ADDS DRAMA

Some photographers put their cameras away when the snowfall is heavy. But that's when some of the most dramatic pictures can be obtained. Consider the excitement of a racer careening around a pole in blinding snow. The photograph catches him contending with the elements as well as displaying his skiing skill.

For photographers seeking only ski country scenic shots, a heavy snowfall can be an advantage too.

When it comes to shutter speed, exciting effects can be obtained at both extremes -- at spseds of up to 1,000th of a second at which the action will be stopped very sharply and at a slow 1/8th of a second at which blurring creates an illusion of speed.

However, ski fans with simple cameras can keep up with the action. A simple Kodak Instamatic camera, for example, has a maximum shutter speed of 1/80th of a second and that will stop most action satisfacorily. The X-30 will go as fast as 1/125th of a second.

Christmas Trees Likely To Be Ersatz

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly one of every three U.S. Christmas trees brightening this holiday season is likely to be ersatz evergreen.

This year U.S. residents were expected to spend an estimated $210 million for 35 million natural trees and an estimated $90 million on 4.5 million plastic trees, industry sources say.

But sales of natural trees leveled off in recent years while the sales of plastic trees, which may be kept from year to year, has quintupled in five years.

The artificial tree industry, therefore, estimated that nearly 15 million homes across the country would be decorated with fake fir trees this year.

"All the forces are working against natural trees," said Terry Hermanson, treasurer of Mr. Christmas Inc., an artificial tree maker.

"Many apartment houses will not permit natural trees because of the fire hazards involved," said a clerk at Minneapolis' Dayton Store, which sold some 1,500 artificial trees this year. "Also, people don't have the bother or the mess that is involved with a natural tree."

Millions of Americans have found the artificial trees make their Christmases less hectic. Most of the fake trees are reusable, easy to set up, flame resistent and don't shed their needles. In addition, their forms are nearly perfect.

Still, most artificial tree buyers choose a variety that "looks real." Green is by far the most popular color now, although there once was a vogue for silver and blue metal ones.

"About three years ago, white flocked trees were popular, but that has disappeared for a more natural looking tree," said a spokesman for L. S. Ayres department store in Indianapolis where artificial trees cost from $2.50 to $125.

While the artificial trees are expected to last from one year to the next, salesmen said a recent trend among some people to buy a second tree after a season or two should keep sales brisk.

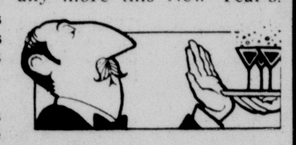
"A lot of them are two-tree families now. The first tree goes down to the basement recreation room, and the new one is put up in the living room," said a clerk at a Midwestern variety store.

Woolworth said artificial trees were its biggest item this season, and Jordan Marsh of Boston reported it almost sold out of a "very real looking Hong Kong tree" that retailed for $60.

Had the happiest office in town for awhile yesterday till the boss discovered someone had filled the water cooler bottle with gin.

New Year's Weave lasts through most of the next day.

We won't be drinking any more this New Year's.



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Church & Religious News

Harpist To Play For Christmas Eve Service

Mrs. Kenneth Smitten will play the harp for the 18th consecutive year for the Christmas Eve service at St. Paul's Church at 9 p.m. tonight.

While a student of the harp, and later as a concert artist, she played for a period of eight years for like services in various churches in New York City.

The service at St. Paul's will begin with the ringing of a bronze, pre-civil war bell, which Mrs. Smitten is donating to her church as a thank offering. Two numbers will be rendered as the prelude, "Silent Night," and "Away in the Manger."

The traditional Anglican rite for the Holy Eucharist or "Christ Mass" will be used by the Vicar. The congregation will sing familiar carols accompanied by the harp, the selections being: "Adeste Fidelis," the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," and Franz Grueber's "Holy Night." She has selected for the offertory a special arrangement for the harp a number entitled, "Greensleeves."

Special emphasis is being placed on the ecumenical character of the service where in all members of the Christian faith may take part in worship and song; and as for many centuries, those who receive communion in their respective churches are invited to join in faith and receive communion as a single family of God. The public is invited to attend.

Unique Sesquicentennial Service

CHARLESTON — During 1971 many Missouri Sesquicentennial celebrations have been held throughout the state. Perhaps one of the most unique observances was in Mississippi County.

The week-long celebration began with a Day of Faith in the churches.

The First Baptist Church of Charleston was the scene of a service similar to those of the past. The members wore the attire of 150 years ago; the men sat on one side of the church — the women on the other; the hymns sung were all written before Missouri became a state.

The choir anthem was an arrangement of "The Promised Land." The Girls' Chorus sang "The Lonesome Valley" with autoharp accompaniment. The last hymn, "Lord, Dismiss Us With They Blessings," was sung by "lining a tune." John Newberry, the church's minister of music, lined the hymn and the congregation repeated it.

Miss Susan Brown was the organist for the morning — playing an old pump organ. Dinner was served on the grounds after the service.

H. W. Chaney is the pastor of First Church.

Mrs. Warren E. Hearnes, a former member, was in charge of arrangements for the service. Mrs. Harry Warren, Jr., was general chairman for the week.

In the evening the churches in the country had a union service in honor of all the men from the community who had surrendered to the call of the ministry and the priesthood.

At the end of the week a service was held in honor of all the men who had given their lives in the service of their country.

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ACCEPTS SPECIAL DISC — His Excellency Eduardo Z. Romualdez, the Philippines ambassador to the United States, right, accepts special "Christmas In The Philippines" golden record from Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, speaker on The Lutheran Hour.

Lutheran Hour Record To Philippine Envoy

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, speaker on The Lutheran Hour, recently presented a special "gold record" of the program, "Christmas In the Philippines," to His Excellency Eduardo Z. Romualdez, the Philippine ambassador to the United States. Ambassador Romualdez accepted the record on behalf of President and Mrs. Ferdinand Marcos, who were interviewed by Dr. Hoffman during the special Lutheran Hour Christmas program.

The ambassador expressed appreciation over the fact that this year, during the season when the spirit of peace is being proclaimed, "The Lutheran Hour will be focusing the attention of its worldwide audience on "Christmas In the Phillipines."

"We are the most appreciative of your thoughtuflness in presenting this beautiful disc to the president of our country," Ambassador Romualdez told Dr. Hoffman.

Dr. Hoffman later commented, in a lighter vein, that the only place he did not notice "any spirit of peace in the Phillippines was in the Manila traffic."

The presentation took place in the reception room of the Philippine embassy here. Guests for the presentation included Gerdenio Manuel, the for the presentation Philippine consul general, and Chaplain (Col.) Hans E. Sanrock, USAF, executive director of the Armed Forces Chaplain Board.

"Christmas In the Philippines" will be broadcast over approximately 3,000 radio stations throughout the world in the period between Dec. 19 and Dec. 31.

Special outlets for the program include Vatican Radio, Radio Free Europe, the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, East German Radio and Radio Liberty.

The Lutheran Hour is sponsored by the Lutheran Laymen's League, a 153,000 member auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Methodist Youths Plan Watch Night

MALDEN — A district-wide watch night service for United Methodist youth is scheduled to begin at 10 p.m. Dec. 31 in the Malden United Methodist Church, it was announced today by the Rev. Paul Rains, district youth director and pastor at Bell City.

Special music, singing, talks by teen-agers and a midnight message by the Rev. Sterling Aubuchon are planned. Also, there will be a time of looking back on the old year and looking ahead to the new one.

Refreshments will be served throughout the night and dress will be casual.

All tenn-agers are invited, whether they are Methodist or not.

Trinity Hosts Christmas Eve Family Service

A Christmas Eve family worship service for members and friends of Trinity Baptist Church will be held at 7:30 tonight.

The Rev. George W. Cummins, Jr., pastor, also announced that the student generation of the church will be spotlighted Sunday in conjunction with special, convention-wide recognition given students by Southern Baptists at Christmas.

Bishop Plans Counseling For COs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Roman Catholic bishop of Memphis says he plans to establish draft counseling services in his diocese and is seeking volunteers to help staff them.

The Most Rev. Carroll T. Dozier, in a 5,700-word pastoral letter issued at Masses Sunday, asked for help with the services and urged Catholics to work for immediate U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam.

Candlelight Service To Be Held Tonight

A Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service open to the public will be held at 7 o'clock tonight at Hunter Memorial First Presbyterian Church, according to an announcement by the Rev. Tom Bass, pastor.

Baptist Group Again To Fight Horse Betting

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — The Missouri Baptist Christian Life Commission said it has decided to oppose State Rep. Earl Schlef's second effort to pass a constitutional amendment to allow betting on horse racing.

The commission opposed the first one which the voters defeated in a special election last Oct. 5.

The new one, besides allowing parimutuel betting on horse races, also would allow at the track betting on dog races, bingo and other games of chance operated by not-for-profit charitable or church groups.



DAVID POLING, D.D.

Your Personal Yule Message

By REV. DAVID POLING

There are really two Christmas stories. The big one is the record of the New Testament in describing the birth of Jesus Christ. It is filled with excitement, drama, tragedy and hope. Read quickly the story again and you are startled to find so much comment on travel, politics, child-care, census, in-keeping and money. There is also music, crowds, animals and trips to Egypt. The first Christmas never loses touch; it has all the problems and hopes of today.

The other Christmas story is yours—your own experience, your anticipations and your relations with God and man. Christmas helps us to put these into annual perspective. Our gifts to others hold as much love and affection as they do obligation and habit. These emotions are never totally separate, not always of the peak motivation. The Advent Season comes as a reminder that the life we are living can be measured against Him who gave the world meaning and direction.

And a large part of one's Christmas story is the message we send to others in greetings, letters and cards. I know they are a chore. Keeping addresses straight and looking up zip codes. Being annoyed at the constant rise in postal rates. And the fear of forgetting someone who has already mailed you a priceless card from overseas. But these letters are part of the treasure, they have value and they express much in art and prose. One friend, who is a pastor in the Midwest, wrote this paragraph on his Christmas greeting, mixing humor with heartbreak:

> *"Our choir director had his tonsils out . . . a few church members are upset (understatement) because of national church action that seemed to support Angela Davis (her brother is in town at college and met with our adult class) . . . one college graduate, now in med school in Mexico, stopped to spend some days with us (we were away on vacation), so he continued his way across the country in his old VW bus with girl friend, paying travel costs by selling Mexican handicraft . . . my successor in former parish divorced his wife (and thought it necessary to comment on this personal situation from the pulpit) . . . my associate minister performed a marriage three months after I had buried the groom's first wife and is now trying to preserve the new wife's sanity by counseling."*

This may hardly qualify as a stirring Christmas message, but my friend concluded:

> *"This is the real world in which you and I live, the world Christ entered with his power to meet the needs of the sick, the confused, the libertine, the trapped and the one who at the moment is not in crises. Welcome, Jesus: Merry Christmas, friends!"*

The Christmas message is the best of all that we know. It brings together our own and the Coming of Christ and that is why it is called Good News.

This week's Uniform INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Dr. William H. Taft

FOR DECEMBER 26, 1971

Scripture: Luke 3:15-22; Luke 4:1-15

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JESUS OVERCOMES TEMPTATION

Man is tempted every day during his life. Jesus, too, was tempted and through these encounters He identified Himself closer with mankind.

Many persons believe today's youths are up against more numerous temptations than were those youths in previous generations. Certainly temptations have always existed and will continue to exist for all persons who have ideals and moral struggles to overcome.

Temptations, often subtle and varied, must be recognized before they can be overcome. All temptations tend to chip away at one's faith.

In today's lesson we review the three major temptations Jesus encountered. In these incidents He provides a spiritual heritage for us to consider as we daily encounter such struggles.

A temptation obviously is a supreme test. Today's scriptures tells how Jesus was tested by the devil.

First, the devil challenged Jesus to turn the stones into bread and thus satisfy His hunger after going forty days without food. The devil seeks to raise doubt in Jesus' mind, and in the minds of the readers as well, by saying, "IF you are the Son of God".

Often one is tempted today in the same psychological manner. Yet Jesus could reply that "Man cannot live by bread alone."

Next the devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. Certainly, this is picture language as the devil promised Jesus control over these kingdoms with one restriction: Jesus had to rule under the devil's direction.

To this offer Jesus replied that a person can serve only one master. Jesus refused to divide His loyalty—He refused to "sell out" to the devil.

The final temptation placed before Jesus by the devil was the challenge to jump from the top of the temple. The devil again said, "IF you are the Son of God," the angels will save you.

Jesus reminded the devil that, "You are not to put the Lord Your God to the test."

in each test Jesus turned to the Book of Deuteronomy for His replies. He proved again that nothing worthwhile can be gained by debasement or by yielding to temptation based on physical gains.

Victory over any temptation comes only after a great struggle. Today's world is highlighted by temptations, many involving our lust for power.

Many individuals are tempted by the political world, some will make any promise or any allegiance for their own gains.

We are tempted to act in ways not consistent with Jesus' reactions to His temptations. We tend to place too much emphasis on "bread", or material resources.

In these temptations Jesus related Himself to us today. He demonstrated how one can use his spiritual heritage to overcome the most tempting offers.

It is normal for us to be tempted yet a right relationship with God will provide the strength needed to overcome the temptations.

From the moment we are old enough to know right from wrong we are tempted. We must learn to say, "yes", or "no," for there is no middle ground. We accept or we reject God's offer to help us.



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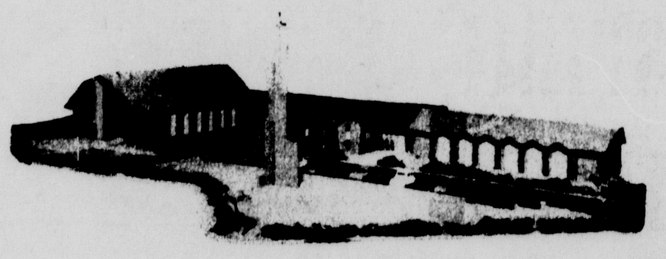
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JACK ANDERSON SAYS: A CHRISTMAS FABLE: The Story Of The Little Jug The Three Wise Men Brought As A Passing Present To The Baby Jesus Born In The Town Of Bethlehem.

(Editor's Note: A few years ago, Jack Anderson went to Nazareth in search of a Christmas story. He found it in the humble ruins where Mary and Joseph are believed to have brought up the Christ Child. In the diggings, Anderson discovered a pottery fragment, which the Smithsonian Institution said must have been fashioned before Christ's time. Could it have been part of a jug that once belonged to Jesus? Captivated with this possibility, Anderson wrote the story that follows.)

WASHINGTON— "Behold, there came wise men from the east....And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."--St. Matthew 2: 1, 11.

Among the offerings, set a little to one side almost apologetically, was the jug. It contained a measure of sweet oil, good for a baby's skin. Unlike the other gifts, the jug could not be called valuable; nor was it an object of great beauty.

The unknown potter who had fashioned it, turning its shape on a primitive wheel and baking it in a crude oven, probably sold it for a copper coin and was glad to get the money that would keep his family for another day.

But an inspiration that he did realize had gone into his fingers. The jug developed a grace that eyes, more sophisticated than his, could appreciate. The baking produced a rich, burnt-sugar glow that grew deeper and more glossy from the sweat of the hands that held it;

The wise men included the jug among their gifts as an afterthought; a little sweet oil, they decided, might be useful for a new born babe. But as often is the way with the small, unconsidered gift, it was to become the most deeply cherished of all.

For the Christ Child was typical of many another youngster who will scorn expensive presents and lavish his affection upon some small object that he invests with the genius of his own imagination.

When Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt to save the Baby from King Herod's vengeance, they had room only for the bare essentials. Yet somehow the jug was carried along, and it was still with them when they returned to Nazareth after the terror.

Now the Child in the cradle was growing, uttering His first words, stretching out His hands. But there were no toys with which to fill them. What more natural than that a busy mother, looking around for something to amuse her Son, should see the jug and place it in the cradle with a few olive stones inside to make it rattle?

From that moment, the jug took on a new destiny, a new beauty, a new dignity. Was it imagination, Mary asked herself, or just a trick of light and shadow that seemed to give the vessel a richer glow when it was in her Son's hands? No other plaything made Him more happy. He slept with it; He reached for it on waking; He wanted it always to be near.

As a toddler, clutching at her skirts, He carried the jug on their trips together to the well so He could draw His own water. As a growing boy, helping Joseph at his carpentry, He had the jug always close by, containing a refreshing drink that could be poured straight out of the spout into a dusty throat.

Sometimes Mary would place a flower in the jug to give their drab home a little color. It was a humble home, part cave, part hut made of sun-dried brick. At the back was space for grape and olive presses with storage bins hewn out of the rock. Like everything else to be seen in the village, the hut seemed almost to grow out of the rugged hillside.

Lower Galilee was a frontier in those days, and the village of Nazareth did not enjoy the best reputation. Nathanael, the guileless Israelite, was later to exclaim upon hearing of Christ: "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

Yet if beggars and thieves sometimes found their way to the little village, it only deepened Jesus' sympathy for life's outcasts.

The jug went along with Jesus when, at 12, He was taken to Jerusalem for His first Passover. It became an inseparable companion, too, when He went on rambles with other boys into the hidden places of the valley.

The further they got from Nazareth, the more the squalor of the little village receded. It merged into the rugged landscape of gnarled olive trees, dark green vines, and jagged cliffs like compound fractures in the earth.

The dust kicked up by the travelers, some on foot, others astride donkeys, lent a mist of enchantment. As He scanned the valley, lost in visions beyond the ken of His companions, Jesus stroked the jug and relished its cool porous surface.

Once Jesus began His ministry, the favorite jug remained behind. Yet who can say what part it may have played in his miracles? When the lame beggar stopped at the door, Mary let him drink from the jug. She could almost swear he walked away with new strength in his shriveled leg. And the blind man who sucked at its spout was seen later running joyfully and rubbing his eyes.

The jug did not make the last journey with Christ to the hill of Golgotha. He carried a heavier burden, the Cross on which He was to die. How He must have longed for the jug when the sponge of vinegar was brushed against His lips. How His nailed hands must have ached for the touch of its smooth sides.

Below Him, weeping, stood His mother and the others. His last thoughts were for her welfare. Seeing a disciple whom He loved standing by, Jesus called to His mother.

"Woman," He cried tenderly, nodding toward the disciple John, "behold thy son!"

Then to the disciple, He said: "Behold thy mother!::

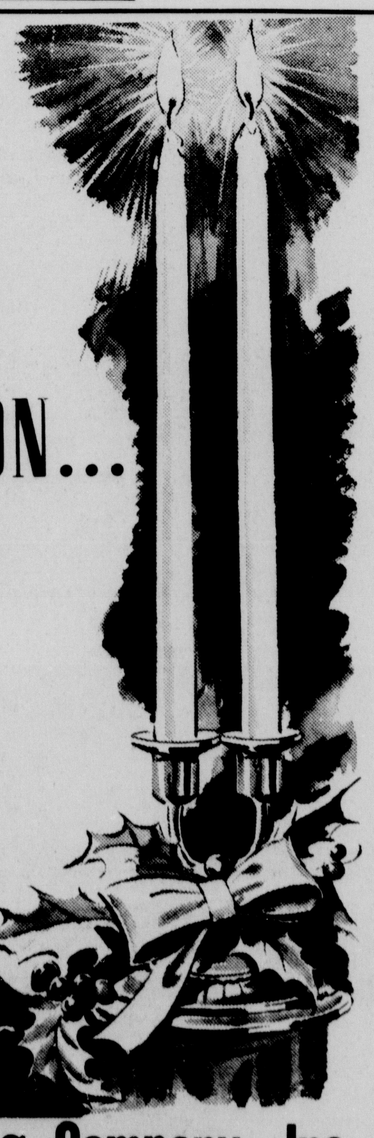
What of the jug? It's life, too, was over. When Mary returned to Nazareth to pack her few humble belongings, she saw it last of all glowing on the shelf. Her eyes welled with tears as she clutched it lovingly to her bosom.

Then in the next instant, it slipped from her sorrowing hands and shattered on the hard earthen floor. One fragment remained after her departure to survive the centuries as a symbol of faith perhaps or of a simpler lesson: that the smallest gift may yet be the most important of all.



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School Of Ozarks Seeks To Remove Trust Fund Snags

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Officials of the School of the Ozarks at Point Lookout, Wednesday asked for a declatory judgment from the Cole County Circuit Court to remove snags blocking its share of earnings on a $60 million trust fund.

Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis has refused to make payments from capital gains on the trust fund left by Lewis W. Hyer unless authorized by the court.

The school said new regulations as part of the Tax Reform Act of 1969 and the Internal Revnue Code require reformation of the charitable trust if heavy excises taxes are to be avoided.

The School of the Ozarks is the principal beneficiary of the trust and is supposed to receive 65 per cent of earnings. Others include various hospitals and a scholarship program at the school.

The suit was brought in Cole County naming Atty. Gen. John C. Danforth in his role as "guardian of charitable trust."

Father Promises $10,000 To Man To Marry Another

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Jack Alan Wilson says that when he was courting Sylvia Wagner her father gave him a contract promising him $10,000 if he would marry someone else.

Wilson claims he has complied with this and some provisions, but Joseph Wagner, a Los Angeles businessman whose company makes lingerie, says he shouldn't have to pay the $10,000.

Wilson, a 23-year-old Royal Oak man home on leave from the Army, went into Oakland County Circuit Court Monday to seek the $10,000.

He said that more than a year ago Wagner promised him the money if he would stop seeing his daughter, marry anyone else within five years, stay married for at least a year, and not talk about the deal.

Attorneys say Wagner, a Jew, didn't want his daughter to marry out of his faith. Wilson is a Baptist.

Wilson has been married more than a year to a girl he had dated before he met Miss Wagner while attending college in California, according to his father.

Wilson claims he also kept quiet. But shortly before he was due to pick up the money last month, Wagner went to court, claiming that he was "under great mental duress" when he signed the contract.

Judge William J. Beer of Circuit Court said Monday that he believed a contract not to marry probably would be void, especially since one condition was that Miss Wagner not be told. He added that no court would honor any agreement that either prohibited or encouraged marriage.

He gave attorneys one hour to settle the claim out of court.

The attorneys returned to court and told the judge they had reached a settlement.

"I can't say what the settlement is," said Curt Rundell, Wilson's attorney. "That was part of the settlement."

Henry Baskin, the attorney representing Wagner, wouldn't say either.

Skiing Action , Color Make Exciting Photos

Skiing means action and high drama. The sport is at its best in some of the world's most scenic locations. Ski garb is colorful and infinitely varied.

This makes skiing an exciting subject for photography.

Skiing is a supreme test of skill and endurance, and taking pictures of skiers poses comparable challenges to the photographer. Remote locations, snow and cold, abnormal light conditions and the sd the sport's fast movement make ski pictures a test of your photographic skill but they also create the potential for dramatic and unusual pictures.

There is a wide range of special techniques and precautions that contribute to successful ski photography, according to Norman Kerr, an Eastman Kodak Company photographer who specializes in pictures of the winter sport. Among Kerr's ski photographs are those used in two dramatic 60 -- by 20-foot Colorama transparencies displayed in New York City's Grand Central Terminal during recent winters.

PROFESSIONAL OFFERS ADVICE

Following is a summary of Kerr's suggestions for good ski photographs, advice made timely by growing interest in skiing and the imminent Olympic winter games in Sapuro, Japan.

Equipment should be easily portable. A kodak Instamatic camera or typical 35 mm model is suitable. The new Instamatic X-30 camera has been selected for use by the U.S. Olympic teams and all team members will receive the camera. The Instamatic X-30 camera is a moderately priced still camera with extended range electronic exposure control. It is designed for use under a wide range of picture - taking conditions -- for example, light varying from bright winter outdoor sunlight to the level of the interior of a ski lodge. An additional plus is the maximum speed of 1/125th of a second, which is fast enough to stop many sports action situations.

Little else besides the camera and film is really needed, and traveling light is important because it is often necessary to ski to the places where the interesting action is.

The camera should be small enough to fit inside a ski parka. Outdoor temperatures in ski country are cold enough to slow down shutter speeds and therefore cause overexposure of photographs. Body heat beneath outer clothing will keep the camera warm. By keeping the camera in a plastic sandwich bag, you can avoid moisture condensation that will freeze when the camera is brought out in the cold air.

Many photographers blame light reflected from the snow for overexposures, but a shutter slowed by cold is the greater problem. Avoid prolonged exposure to conditions of high chill factor, wuch as riding a chair lift with a camera not protected by outer garments.

LIGHT METER ERRORS

Light reflected from snow can cause erroneous readings on light meters. These readings are based on the snowy white background rather than the subject -- the skier. One way to minimize this is for the photographer to take readings off his own clothing. Any reading that produces an exposure more than one stop less than normal should be questioned.

The best policy is to consult the data sheet packed with film for exposure information. Use the setting recommended for bright sun. This, as a rule, will produce excellent results.

Use a skylight filter on the lens, if possible. This will cut down ultraviolet light that produces harsh blue tints on color film and it also serves as an inexpensive lens protection.

If a camera falls in the snow or the lens or shutter freeze up, it is best to take it back to the ski lodge, where indoor temperatures are warm and the air is dry. Allow the camera to thaw out by itself for several hours and then click the shutter a dozen or more times to be sure it is working smoothly. Attempting to force a frozen shutter can result in damage and expensive repairs.

It often is better to take ski pictures late in the day -- after 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. Texture of the snow and detail in the subject will photograph better than in direct mid - day sunlight. High - speed film is not necessary because light is ample even for very fast shutter speeds.

SNOW ADDS DRAMA

Some photographers put their cameras away when the snowfall is heavy. But that's when some of the most dramatic pictures can be obtained. Consider the excitement of a racer careening around a pole in blinding snow. The photograph catches him contending with the elements as well as displaying his skiing skill.

For photographers seeking only ski country scenic shots, a heavy snowfall can be an advantage too.

When it comes to shutter speed, exciting effects can be obtained at both extremes -- at spseds of up to 1,000th of a second at which the action will be stopped very sharply and at a slow 1/8th of a second at which blurring creates an illusion of speed.

However, ski fans with simple cameras can keep up with the action. A simple Kodak Instamatic camera, for example, has a maximum shutter speed of 1/80th of a second and that will stop most action satisfacorily. The X-30 will go as fast as 1/125th of a second.



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Christmas Trees Likely To Be Ersatz

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly one of every three U.S. Christmas trees brightening this holiday season is likely to be ersatz evergreen.

This year U.S. residents were expected to spend an estimated $210 million for 35 million natural trees and an estimated $90 million on 4.5 million plastic trees, industry sources say.

But sales of natural trees leveled off in recent years while the sales of plastic trees, which may be kept from year to year, has quintupled in five years.

The artificial tree industry, therefore, estimated that nearly 15 million homes across the country would be decorated with fake fir trees this year.

"All the forces are working against natural trees," said Terry Hermanson, treasurer of Mr. Christmas Inc., an artificial tree maker.

"Many apartment houses will not permit natural trees because of the fire hazards involved," said a clerk at Minneapolis' Dayton Store, which sold some 1,500 artificial trees this year. "Also, people don't have the bother or the mess that is involved with a natural tree."

Millions of Americans have found the artificial trees make their Christmases less hectic. Most of the fake trees are reusable, easy to set up, flame resistent and don't shed their needles. In addition, their forms are nearly perfect.

Still, most artificial tree buyers choose a variety that "looks real." Green is by far the most popular color now, although there once was a vogue for silver and blue metal ones.

"About three years ago, white flocked trees were popular, but that has disappeared for a more natural looking tree," said a spokesman for L. S. Ayres department store in Indianapolis where artificial trees cost from $2.50 to $125.

While the artificial trees are expected to last from one year to the next, salesmen said a recent trend among some people to buy a second tree after a season or two should keep sales brisk.

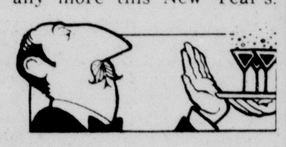
"A lot of them are two-tree families now. The first tree goes down to the basement recreation room, and the new one is put up in the living room," said a clerk at a Midwestern variety store.

Woolworth said artificial trees were its biggest item this season, and Jordan Marsh of Boston reported it almost sold out of a "very real looking Hong Kong tree" that retailed for $60.

Had the happiest office in town for awhile yesterday till the boss discovered someone had filled the water cooler bottle with gin.

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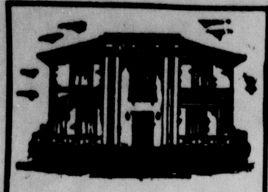
JOHN PUCKETT

ORAN — John Almon Puckett, 60, of Oran, died at his home at 10:45 a.m. Thursday. He was born Feb. 28, 1911 at Hagerville, Ark., the son of George David and Nancy Etta Puckett.

He married Reba Johnson of Vanduser on July 20, 1940. They farmed in the Chaffee, Oran and Vanduser area until 1970 when he retired due to ill health. At this time moved to Oran. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Warrant Officer Roy Donald Puckett, with the U. S. Navy stationed at Charleston, S. C., and Gary Wayne Puckett of Oran; one daughter, Mrs. Donald Freeman of Oran; one brother, Roy Puckett of Des Moines, Iowa; six sisters, Mrs. J. W. Groseclose of chaffee, Mrs. Ray Robinson of Carbondale, Ill., Mrs. Alpha Akin of Shawnee, Okla., Mrs. Max Appelt of Cypress, Calif., Mrs. John Dean of Compton, Calif. and Mrs. Fred Billings of Bellflower, Calif.; four grandchildren.

The body is at the Smith funeral home in Oran. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with Rev. Larry Evans, pastor of the Oran Baptist church, officiating. Burial in the new Morley cemetery at Morley.



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LILLIAN HEGGIE

CHARLESTON — Mrs. Lillian C. Heggie, 88, 402 E. Commercial, died at 9:10 p.m. Thursday in the Host House following a two month illness.

She was born Oct. 5, 1883, in Charleston. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, the WCTU, the WSCS and was a former member of the Eastern Star. Her husband, John P. Heggie, died in January of 1951.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Frank S. Hill of Vicksburg, Miss.; Mrs. Clifford Mehler of South Haven, Miss.; Miss Ruth Ellen Heggie, Miss Martha Heggie and Mrs. E. Charles Rolwing, all of Charleston; 11 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

The body is at the McMikle funeral home where friends may call after 4 p.m. Saturday. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the McMikle chapel with the Rev. William H. Mathae, pastor of the United Methodist church, officiating. Burial in the IOOF cemetery.

MAY MC ELMURRY

CHARLESTON — Mrs. May Dyer McElmurry, 91, 805 E. Cypress, died at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Missouri Delta Community hospital after an extended illnes.

She was born Oct. 11, 1880, in Golconda, Ill., and had lived in Charleston most of her life. She was a member of the New Bethel Baptist church. On April 7, 1908 she married George Andrew McElmurry, who died Nov. 22, 1959.

She is survived by two sons, Cecil and Henry McElmurry, both of Scott City; three daughters, Mrs. Emma Lou Ayers of Sikeston, Mrs. Henry Ohmes and Mrs. William H. Thompson, both of Charleston; one brother, Fred Dyer of Sikeston; nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

The body is in the McMikle funeral home in Charleston where services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. H. W. Chaney, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial in the IOOF cemetery.

Construction At Gas Co. Plant

Construction crews are working seven days a week at Arkansas - Missouri Power Company's Liquefied Natural Gas plant under construction four miles north of Blytheville in an effort to make the facility operable before severely cold weather arrives.

Ark-Mo and its subsidiary, Associated Natural Gas Company, have been advised by their suppliers that the pipeline companies will be unable to deliver the quantities of gas contracted for this winter. This makes the storage plant, which functions to provide additional supply on cold days, an absolute essential if Ark-Mo is to be able to meet the requirements of the area this winter.

Ark-Mo officials remain optimistic that the plant will be ready for cold weather, but the schedule is tight. Should further adverse weather delay the construction, there is a possibility that the gas supply will not be equal to the demand. Should such a situation develop, the Company will be forced to curtail deliveries. No residential, commercial, or other firm gas customers would be curtailed until all customers sreved under interruptible contracts had been effectively disconnected. Then, if further cuts are necessary, an appeal to all customers will be made in all available media to reduce thermostat settings on heating systems in homes and commercial establishments.

The Company has concurred with action taken by the Public Service Commission in that it will no longer promote the use of natural gas through advertising and the purpose of the LNG plant is to give this area a dependable supply of natural gas for normal residential and commercial growth. This is the basis for Arkansas - Missouri Power Company and Associated Natural Gas Company investing $4,000,000 in the first LNG installation in either Arkansas or Missouri.

The natural gas shortage, most experts agree, at least in the short run, is that as a nation we are pumping gas out of the ground faster than we are finding new sources. The number of new producing wells added each year fell from 909 in 1959 to 426 in 1968.

It has been the insistent cry of the gas producers over the past several years that the cause of this is the lack of financial incentive -- which must come from private investors -- for driving new holes. The well - head price of gas has been pegged so low by the Federal Power Commission that it is simply not worthwhile to take the risk, they claim.

Gas producers have sold as much of their product as possible in the state of origin. This is because the well - head price of gas sold in local markets is higher than permitted by the F.P.C. for the interstate pipeline companies.

For that reason, about 77 percent of all newly discovered gas sold in the first half of 1970 went to the intrastate market, leaving just 23 percent for the major pipeline suppliers where F.P.C. price limits prevail.

Because the bulk of gas is sold in the state of origin, Arkansas - Missouri Power Company and Associated Natural Gas Company have not been allocated any additional gas since 1969. We believe that the supply of natural gas is critical and are indicating our concern about it by constructing the new Liquefied Natural Gas plant.



ARMED FORCES

Micajah B. Thomas, III of the HQ & HQ Co., 1140th Engineer Battalion (CBT) (A) at Cape Girardeau, Mo., has been promoted to the rank of Major. His new job assignment is the Battalion S-3 in charge of Plans and Training.

Major Thomas started with the National Guard in 1948 with HHC 140th Infantry, 1st Battalion at Sikeston, Mo. as a company clerk.

In 1953 he was promoted to Battalion Sergeant Major in the Enlisted ranks. In 1956 he received his commission as Second Lt. in the same unit. In 1957 he graduated from the Basic Officers Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

In 1961 he graduated from the U.S. Army Advanced Officers Career School at Ft. Benning, Ga. In 1964 he was promoted to the grade of Captain and from 1965 to 1969 commanded Co. C., 1140th Engineer Bn. at Sikeston and Portageville, Mo.

In 1969 he became an extension course graduate of the Advanced Engineer School, Fort Belvior, Va., and at present is an extension course student in the Command and General Staff School, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Major Thomas is a Life Insurance Agent with the Prudential Insurance Company in Sikeston, Charleston, and East Prairie, Mo.



Charles Groves

Lt. Charles "Rick" Groves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Groves left Dec. 6 for Darmstadt, Germany where he will be stationed with the Army. His wife accompanied him.

He recently completed two courses taught by the Army Logistics Command at Ft. Lee, VA.

He is a 1964 graduate of Sikeston high school and a graduate of Murray State University, Murray, Ky.

commissioned officers with special emphasis on the duties of tank and reconnaissance platoon leaders. Their training includes instruction in automotive principles and maintenance, communications, weapons and tactics.

The 24 - year - old Lieutenant is a 1964 graduate of East Prairie high school.

FT. CAMPBELL, Ky. (AHTNC) - Army Private David L. McCullough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie L. McCullough, Parma, Mo., recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the U. S. Army training center, Ft. Campbell, Ky.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

U. S. ARMY, Germany (AHTNC) -- Barry Gregory, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denver L. Gregory, Dexter, Mo., recently was promoted to Army Private First Class in Germany.

PFC. Gregory is serving as a clerk typist with company B of the 68th armor's 3d battalion. He entered the Army in January 1971 and completed basic training at Ft. Polk, La.

The Private is a 1969 graduate of Harlem high school, Rockford, Ill.

His wife, Debra, is with him in Germany.

River Stages

Chester	37	18.6	—.2
Cape Girardeau	32	18.6	—1.2
Cairo	40	28.6	—1.4
New Madrid	34	20.6	—1.4
Caruthersville	32	21.2	—1.2

FORECAST

The forecast for Chester was not available.

At Cape Girardeau the Mississippi River will rise .2 Saturday; rise .1 Sunday and rise .1 Monday.

The forecast for Cairo was not available.

At New Madrid, the Mississippi River will fall 1.0 Saturday; fall .7 Sunday and fill .4 Monday.

The forecast for Caruthersville was not available.

Weather Elsewhere

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

	High	Low	Pr.
Albany, wcldy	32	30	
Albu'que, cldy	50	33	
Amarillo, cldy	75	46	
Anchorage, cldy	16	14	.03
Asheville, cldy	41	37	
Atlanta, clear	44	37	
Birmingham, cldy	59	43	
Bismarck, clear	30	-8	
Boise, cldy	46	38	
Boston, cldy	34	30	
Buffalo, rain	44	40	T
Charleston, clear	57	47	
Charlotte, cldy	41	36	
Chicago, cldy	51	43	
Cincinnati, cldy	47	45	
Cleveland, cldy	46	42	
Denver, clear	69	31	
Des Moines, cldy	46	32	
Detroit, cldy	42	40	
Duluth, cldy	33	9	.03
Fairbanks, M	M	M	M
Fort Worth, clear	65	42	
Green Bay, M	M	M	M
Helena, clear	36	7	.04
Honolulu, clear	77	62	
Houston, cldy	72	M	M
Ind'apolis, cldy	50	46	
Juneau, M	M	M	M
Kansas City, clear	49	37	
Little Rock, cldy	63	47	
Los Angeles, rain	65	58	.23
Louisville, cldy	51	48	
Marquette, snow	37	35	T
Memphis, cldy	61	48	
Miami, cldy	75	72	.66
Milwaukee, cldy	43	36	
Mpls.-StP., clear	35	15	
New Orleans, clear	64	51	
New York, cldy	40	37	
Okla. City, clear	66	52	
Omaha, cldy	51	27	
Philad'phia, cldy	38	35	
Phoenix, cldy	74	51	
Pittsburgh, rain	45	42	T
Ptland, Me., cldy	29	21	
Ptland, Ore., cldy	45	34	1.19
Rapid City, cldy	56	15	
Richmond, cldy	47	32	
St. Louis, clear	59	40	
Salt Lake, cldy w	47	34	
San Diego, cldy	69	60	
San Fran., cldy	56	52	
Seattle, cldy	45	38	.07
Spokane, cldy	40	37	
Tampa, cldy	74	63	
Washington, cldy	42	37	

Probate Court

BENTON: These cases were heard here recently:

Estate of Ada Mays, deceased, B.L. LaCour, Jr., and Lester Gestring, Exc's. ORDER CONFIRMING SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

(Sale of w½ SE¼ Sec. 26. Twp. 24, R. 13E. New Madrid Co. Mo. containing 80 ac. more or less for cash consideration of $28,000.)

Estate of M.C. Elam, deceased, Fielding Potashnick, Adm. DEMAND ALLOWED. ($53.13 bal due on account of Home Materials.)

Estate of Mayme Marshall, deceased Nina M. Mayfield and Leomis Mayfield Jr., ORDER TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY & PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION. (to sell 1971 Plymouth for $2,300.00 cash and distribute diamond ring and broach to Mary L. Dement and Furniture, household goods and contents in Nina M. Mayfield.)

Estate of Marvin Gibbs, deceased, Helen L. Gibbs, Exc. DEMAND ALLOWED. (claim of St. John's March Hosp. Medical Center for $3,514.50, amt. due for hospitalization.)

Armed Forces

FT. KNOX, Ky. (AHTNC) -- Private Stanley L. Shuffit, 21, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Shuffit, and wife, Betty, live at 304 Moore St., Sikeston, Mo., recently completed an eight-week cooking course at the U. S. Army training center, Armor, Ft. Knox, Ky.

The course trains personnel to prepare and serve a wide variety of food in large or small quantities. Students are trained in baking, the principles of meat cutting, field kitchen operations and service of an Army mess hall.

Pvt. Shuffit entered the Army last April and completed basic training at the Fort.

He was graduated from Sikeston high school in 1968 and from Sikeston Trade Technical Institute in 1970.

FT. KNOX, Ky. (AHTNC) -- Army Lieutenant Kenneth P. Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Woods, 207 Lombardy, East Prairie, Mo., recently completed a nine - week armor officer basic course at the Army Armor School, Ft. Knox, Ky.

The course covers branch training in armor for newly

Book Review

ROCCO'S NIECE
By Adrian Marsh
(Avon N407/95c
256pp.)

ROCCO'S NIECE is Roxanne Bellamy, bestselling writer of super - sexy novels, and queen of the bedroom set. In the locked room she calls The Sex Factory, she turns out her scorching novels, exposing the vices of America's Beautiful People.

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* The Mafia: do they own her? Does she warm their beds?

* Uncle Rocco: he has more than just a little "influence" in the underworld and is more than just an "uncle" to Roxanne!

* Wally Burdette: the host of America's most popular talk show — the superstud who speaks Roxy.'s language!

* Doug Hunter and Pete Creighton: publisher and editor — they went to school together; they worked together; what else do they do together?

* And finally: Who writes the sizzling books that come out of the Sex Factory?

ROCCO'S NIECE, by Adrian Marsh, the pseudonym of a famous author, tells all — and then some!

The Koran, the holy book of the Moslems, forbids the representation of human and animal figures.

Feed Grain Program Key To Farm Success

NEW MADRID — The 1972 Feed Grain Program, with its additional acreage set - aside, is the key to the long - range success of an over - all plan to protect farm incomes and correct an over - supply of feed grains caused by this year's record corn crop, John Hutcheson, Chairman of the Missouri State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee said today.

Other options provide immediate and interim benefits to producers in Missouri according to Hutcheson.

One of the actions Hutcheson referred to is the fact that farmers now have the option of extending their resealed farm - stored loans on 1969 - and 1970-crop corn until May 31, 1973. The U. S. Department of Agriculture is also offering producers the option of resealing 1971-crop farm - stored corn loans through the end of May 1973.

Hutcheson explained that the liberalized reseal policy expands the marketing period for corn, thereby enabling farmers to wait for improvement of the price situation.

USDA is also encouraging producers to use the loan program as price protection. The amount of corn eligible for loan in 1971 almost doubles that eligible in 1970.

For farmers needing more storage capacity for feed grains, farm storage facility and dryer equipment loans have been and still are available at favorable terms and repayment rates, and storage space in warehouse and in government - owned bins is available in some places, Hutcheson said.

Hutcheson emphasized that the trend which started with the Agricultural Act of 1970 toward increased decision - making freedom for the farmer continues with th e 1972 Feed Grain Program.

"In fact, the two new options to set aside additional acres offer farmers even more opportunity to make their own management decisions," he said.

"Based on 1971 results, many farmers are now beginning to base their management decisions almost entirely on their land, skills, equipment, and other capital resources rather than on Government allotments or bases," Hutcheson said.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi! My name is Johnny Swinney and I am 4 yrs. old. I have been pretty good this year. My. My brother Ricky (who is 13 months old) has been good too! We live at 610 South West.

Please bring me a battery powered car, a table and chair, and a Mickey Mouse gum machine.

Ricky wants a Snoopy says' toy, Fisher-Price coaster and a T.V. Riding toy and some shoes, both of us want a swing set too!

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Bible Is Baltimore Colt Playbook

KANSAS CITY, Mo. —"If you're going to live effectively as a Christian you have to get your priorities squared away. You've got to give some prime time to God. My wife and I had problems when the Colts Bible study was announced for Friday nights. That was our swingin' night. But we decided to take some time off the top for God, and it has made a great difference in our lifes."

That's offensive tackle John Williams speaking of the weekly Bible study held by the World Champion Balitmore Colts. Last season four to six couples attended. This season the faithful include: John and Coleen Williams, Norm and Susie Bulaich, Ray and Carolyn Perkings, Fred and Charlene Miller, David and Sandra Lee, Rex Kern, Tom and Ellie Buetler, Jerry and Fannie Mae Logan, Bob and Andrea Vogel and Ray May. Also involved are Bill Lewis and Bruce Bickel, Naval Academy graduates who serve as the Eastern arm of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes national staff.

The Bible study is an outgrowth of the Baltimore pre-game chapel service. Over half the teams in professional football -- including such league powers as Dallas, Washington, Minnesota, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Miami and San Francisco -- conduct a team worship service during the season. According to sources at the FCA national headquarters here, the chapel services are organized by players and coaches. Speakers include FCA staff members, clergymen, laymen and sometimes team members.

The Baltimore worship service was instigated over a decade ago by standout end Raymond Berry and linebacker Don Shinnick. While Shinnick is now a coach with the Chicago Bears and Berry coaches at the University of Arkansas, their legacy has continued and was the genesis of the Colt Bible study.

The usual CBS pattern is to open with prayer, read a particular Bible passage and then discuss it. Everyone, particularly newcomers, is assured that no response is required but any response is wanted. The purpose is to share honestly, to be frank yet considerate of another's views, and to get at the Scriptural truth. The constant objective is to draw closer to God through his word. Bulaich, one of the league's top power runners, summed up the group consensus when he remarked after one study, "This is the best two hours I've spent in a long, long time."

One evening at the Logan's home the topic was sin and how to confess it. Bulaich said he asks God daily to forgive him of all his sins. Someone interrupted and said, it might be better to be more specific. Logan said he likes to confess right on the spot. During a game if he comes up swearing, holding a bad thought or doing anything that is for him sin, he inwardly asked God's forgiveness right there on the field.

"And you have to inhale as well as exhale," added Buetler.

"What do you mean, Tom?" a wife asked.

"Well, confessing gets it all out but you've got to put something good inside to cut down on recurrence. Taking in the things of God -- inhaling them -- is the answer."

The Bible study ends in prayer which lasts from 30 minutes to an hour. Inspiration at its best is these players -- who have reached the summit of pro football stardom -- humbly praying for their teammate, their families, their country and asking God to make them better witnesses. Vogel's prayer the first session after the Super Bowl victory was, "God, we might not be the best football team but we sure are the most blessed."

The Bible study involves veteran Christians and religious rookies. As in the total FCA spectrum a wide range of theologies, church backgrounds (Roman Catholic and Protestant) and religious perspectives is embraced. Some pray to win.

Colts, Cowboys Chiefs, Skins Are Favored

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League playoffs begin this weekend and the Baltimore Colts begin defense of their Super Bowl crown after having had to defend their integrity for their second-place finish in American Conference East.

So look for the Colts to blast the Browns off the field in answer to their critics.

In the other playoffs, it looks from here like Dallas can topple Minnesota, Kansas City handle Miami and Washington sting San Francisco.

The Dallas-Minnesota and Miami-Kansas City games are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., EST, Saturday with national television coverage by CBS and NBC, respectively. The Baltimore-Cleveland and Washington-San Francisco games are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., EST, Sunday with television coverage by NBC and CBS, respectively.

Here's a rundown of each game, noting that last week's predictions produced a bestofthe-season 10-3 record:

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Dallas 24, Minnesota 17—The Cowboys have been amazing since Roger Staubach took over at quarterback, reeling off seven consecutive victories. They led the NFL in scoring during the regular season with 406 points and should be able to move the ball despite the fact the Vikings allowed a league low of 139 points. Dallas just has too many weapons for Minnesota to stop.

Kansas City 34, Miami 24—The Chiefs and Dolphins have met six times previously and the score is 6-0 Kansas City. With Otis Taylor as the key weapon, the Chiefs should make it seven in succession. But Kansas City will have to shut down Miami's Larry Csonka-Jim Kiick running combination.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Baltimore 31, Cleveland 10— The Browns won their last five, with running back Leroy Kelly keying the attack, but Cleveland lacks enough weapons to contend with the Baltimore defense. The Colts, meanwhile, have Johnny Unitas at quarterback and there's no better under the pressure of the big ones.

Washington 27, San Francisco 24—The key here could be Larry Brown, the Redskin running back who has returned to top form after leg problems midway of the season. Washington quarterback Billy Kilmer also should enjoy getting back at the 49ers, his first team. A good day by John Brodie, however, could win it for San Francisco.

Holiday Cheer

May the sounds of the season be joyous for you!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish a very merry Christmas to our readers, school officials, and coaches.

FROM THE SPORTS STAFF,

Ron Jaynes, Sports Editor

Harry Davis, Sports writer--Dale Forbis Sportswriter--

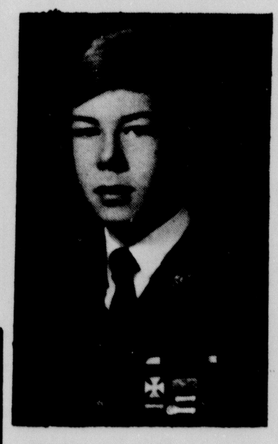
Bill Harrison, Sportswriter

Cadet Smith MMA Varsity Rifleman

MEXICO, Mo. — Cadet Frank E. Smith of Sikeston is a member of a varsity athletic team at Missouri Military Academy, a school for boys in 4th through 12th grades at Mexico, Missouri.

M.M.A. fields teams in four varsity sports – basketball, wrestling, swimming and rifle.

The Academy teams compete with area high schools and with other high school military academies in Missouri. Besides the varsity teams, the Academy also has battalion level competition in basketball, weightlifting, soccer, swimming and wrestling. Athletic participation is required.



Cadet Frank E. Smith

Varsity coaches are Capt. David Steinmetz assisted by Lt. John Hegwein, basketball; Lt. Col. Joe Bailey assisted by Capt. David Arnold, wrestling; Capt. Keith Byerly, swimming, and Sergeant First Class Paul Boyd, rifle.

The Academy winter sports program in all sports will continue through mid-March.

Cadet Smith, the son of Mrs. Kate Blanton, Sikeston, and Richard Smith of Lakeworth, Fla.

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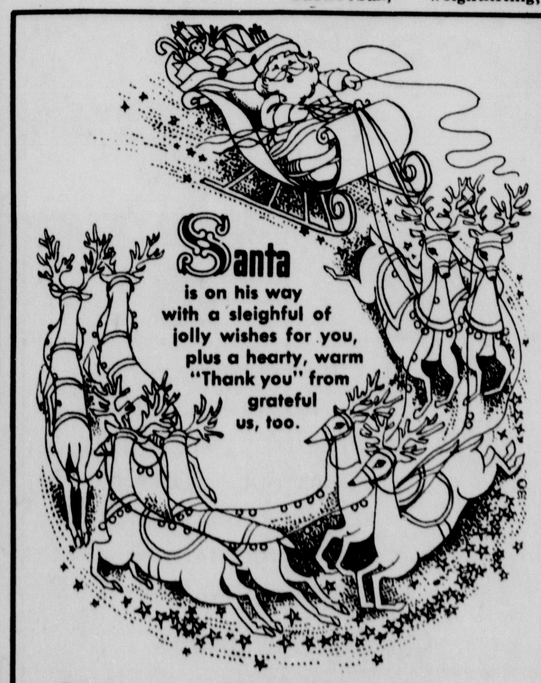
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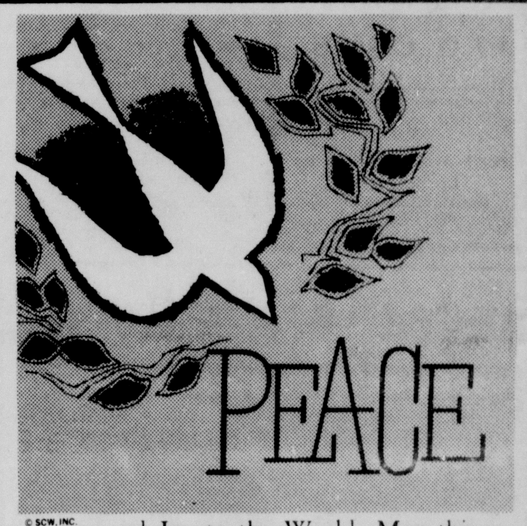
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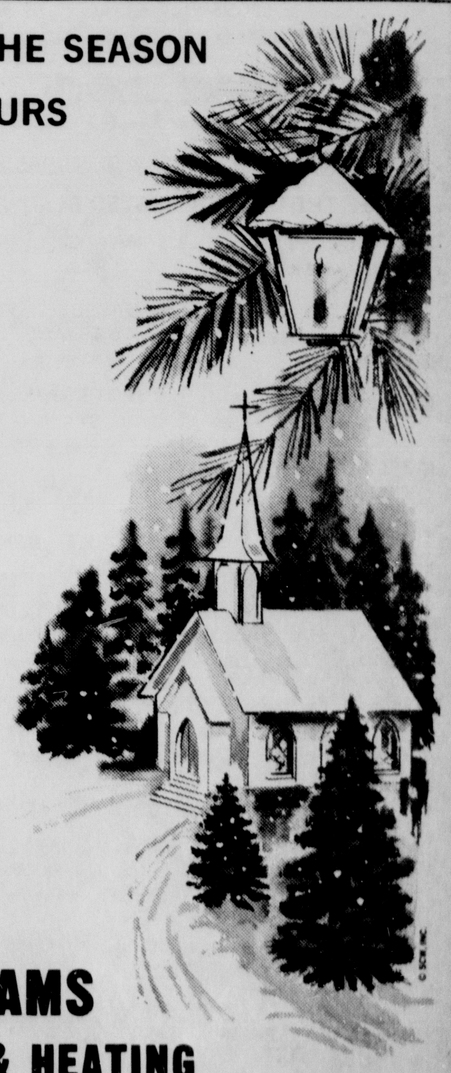
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NFC Stars Named For Jan. 23 Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — Defensive tackle Merlin Olsen of the Los s Angeles Rams named for the 10th time in his 10-year National Football League career, and 23 newcomers were among those named today to the National Conference squad for the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl game at Los Angeles, Jan. 23.

Olsen did not play last year because of knee surgery but kept his string intact nevertheless. Another longtime repeater is cornerback Mel Renfro of the Dallas Cowboys, making it for the eighth time in eight years.

Both quarterbacks for the NFC team—Roger Staubach of Dallas and Greg Landry of Detroit—were among the new faces selected in balloting among the conference's 13 head coaches, who were not permitted to cast votes for players on their own team.

Staubach and Landry will be able to hand the ball off on running plays to three 1,000-yard ground gainers—John Brockington of Green Bay, Steve Owens of Detroit and Willie Ellison of Los Angeles. Larry Brown of Washington also was selected at the running back post.

The receivers will be Dick Gordon of Chicago, Bob Grim of Minnesota, Roy Jefferson of Washington and Gene Washington of San Francisco.

Dallas, which won the Eastern Division title, has the most players on the team, eight. New Orelans and the New York Giants were the only teams not represented.

Besides Staubach and Renfro, the other Cowboys on the squad are tackle Rayfield Wright, guard John Niland, defensive tackle Bob Lilly, linebacker Chuck Howley, safety Cornell Green and punter Ron Widby.

St. Louis cornerback Roger Wehrli received enough votes to make the team, but was not included on the playing squad because of late season knee surgery.

The squad:

OFFENSE

Wide receivers—Dick Gordon, Chicago; Bob Grim, Minnesota; Roy Jefferson, Washington; Gene Washington, San Francisco.

Tight ends—Ted Kwalick, San Francisco; Charlie Sanders, Detroit.

Tackles—George Kunz, Atlanta, Rayfield Wright, Dallas; Ron Yary, Minnesota.

Guards—Gale Gillingham, Green Bay; Tom Mack, Los Angeles; John Niland, Dallas.

Centers—Forest Blue, San Francisco; Ed Flanagan, Detroit.

Quarterbacks—Greg Landry, Detroit; Roger Staubach, Dallas.

Running backs—John Brockington, Green Bay; Larry Brown, Washington; Willie Ellison, Los Angeles; Steve Owens, Detroit.

DEFENSE

Ends—Carl Eller, Minnesota; Cedrick Hardman, San Francisco; Claude Humphrey, Atlanta.

Tackles—Bob Lilly, Dallas; Merlin Olsen, Los Angeles; Alan Page, Minnesota.

Outside linebackers—Chuck Howley, Dallas; Isiah Robertson, Los Angeles; Dave Wilcox, San Francisco.

Middle linebacker—Dick Butkus, Chicago; Mike Lucci, Detroit.

Cornerbacks—Jimmy Johnson, San Francisco; Mel Renfro, Dallas; Bruce Taylor, San Francisco.

Safeties—Bill Bradley, Philadelphia; Cornell Green, Dallas; Paul Krause, Minnesota.

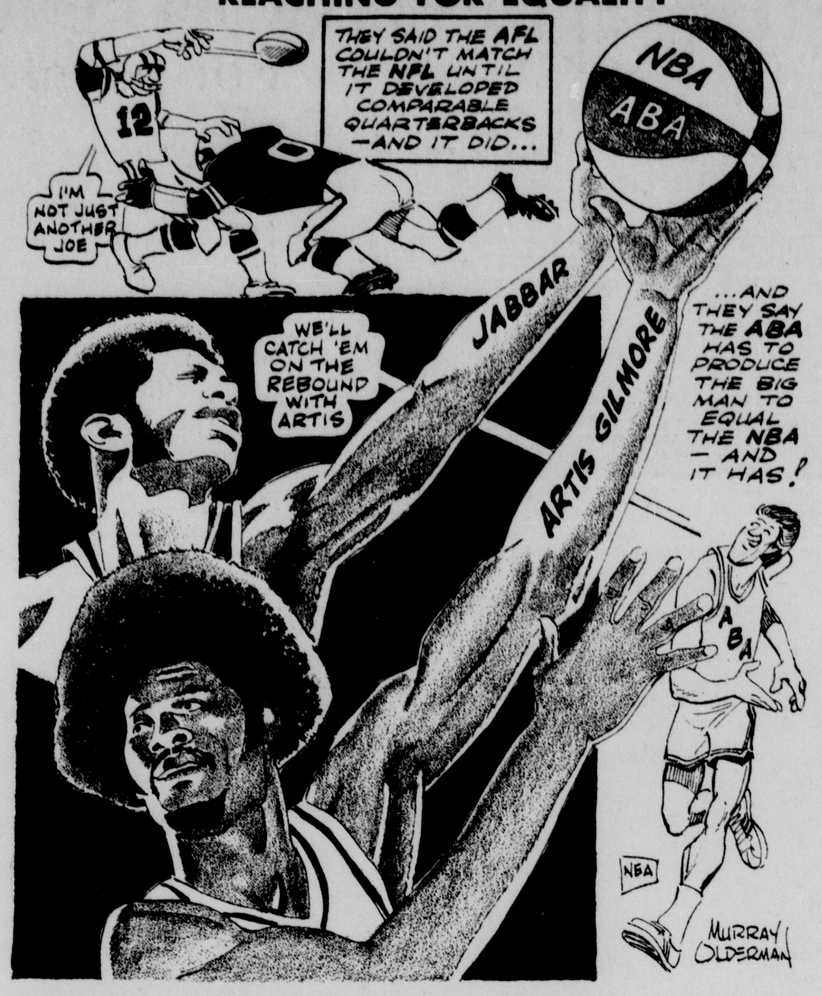
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Punter—Ron Widby, Dallas.

Placekicker—Curt Knight, Washington.

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Missouri is the home of the largest Ashe juniper, or "white cedar" in the United States, reports the Missouri Tourism Commission. The tree is 30 feet high, 7 feet, 10 inches in circumference and is estimated to be 750 to 1,000 years old. The tree is in Taney County on private property.



Christmas Day NFL Football

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What is Santa Claus bringing Roger Staubach for Christmas?

The Purple Gang, sub-freezing temperatures, a chance of snow and a shot at the National Football League's Super Bowl, that's what.

Temperatures ranging from 18 to 28 degrees—above zero, that is—are forecast for the Minneapolis-St. Paul area Saturday, when the Minnesota Vikings host Staubach and the Dallas Cowboys in a nationally televised (CBS, 1 p.m., EST) National Football Conference semifinal game.

Later Saturday, veteran quarterback Len Dawson will lead the Kansas City Chiefs against the Miami Dolphins in an American Football Conference semifinal clash (NBC, 4 p.m., EST).

On Sunday, Johnny Unitas will be at the helm when the Baltimore Colts travel to Cleveland to meet the Browns (NBC, 1 p.m., EST) in the other AFC semifinal, while George Allen takes his Over-the-Hill Gang and the rest of the Washington Redskins to San Francisco to face the 49ers (CBS, 4 p.m., EST) in the other NFC semifinal.

Since Coach Tom Landry tabbed him as Dallas' No. 1 quarterback, Staubach has led the Cowboys to seven consecutive victories, the NFC East crown and an 11-3 record overall. The Cowboys averaged 29 points per game, with Staubach working with running backs Cal Hill, Duane Thomas and Walt Garrison and throwing to wide receivers like Lance Alworth and Bob Hayes or tight ends Billy Truax and Mike Ditka, who shuttle in and out bringing plays from Landry.

But Saturday, Roger the Dodger will be up against the Purple Gang, the awesome Minnesota defense which has allowed less than 10 points per game. Defensive ends Carl Eller and Jim Marshall and tackles Alan Page and Gary Larsen were the key to Minnesota's 113 season, enough for the NFC Central crown.

The Kansas City-Miami contest will spotlight two of pro football's most explosive aerial combinations—Dawson throwing to Otis Taylor for the Chiefs and Bob Griese aiming for Paul Warfield for the Dolphins. Kansas City, AFC West champions, and Miami, AFC East titleholders, each went 10-3-1 in the regular season.

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Refs Get Presents

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tony Johnson and Dennis Bell were mad. Clyde Turner was very mad. And Bill Musselman, ooh, was he mad.

It was just a mad, mad, mad world Thursday night at the Minnesota-Drake basketball game.

Johnson and Bell, two of Drake's players, were hit with technicals, as was Minnesota's Turner in a hot-tempered and foul-punctuated game won by the Gophers, 70-56.

Musselman, the Minnesota coach, decided it was best not to talk about officials James Bain and Jack Savidge, who called 51 fouls between them.

"I'd rather not say publicly what I think," Musselman said, or rather didn't say.

While Musselman was quiet, the 13,112 fans in Minneapolis had plenty to say.

The demonstrative crowd screamed blue murder and littered the basketball court with paper, coins and metal soda cans to protest when Drake apparently changed players while the game was in progress and was not called for the violation.

It held the game up seven minutes.

Things were decidedly more quiet in other college basketball action, although explosive, topranked UCLA and powerstudded South Carolina, the No. 3 club, blasted their respective opponents.

UCLA crunched Texas Christian 119-81 and South Carolina breezed by Pitt 69-59.

Sixth-ranked Ohio State topped Wisconsin-Milwaukee 7863, No. 9 Long Beach State overwhelmed Valley State 10360 and 10th-ranked St. John's, N.Y., edged New Mexico 95-92 to win the Lobo Classic tournament in Albuquerque, N.M.

Bill Walton scored 31 points and got 16 rebounds to lead unbeaten UCLA to its sixth straight triumph this year.

Kevin Joyce and Tok Tiker scored 42 points between them to lead undefeated South Carolina to its fifth straight victory. Joyce scored 14 of his 24 points in the first half to help the Gamecocks take a 34-24 lead at intermission. Riker dumped in 18 points and helped the winners own the board.

Luke Witte scored 26 points and grabbed 20 rebounds and Alan Hornyak, making his first start of the season after an injury, had 14 points to pace Ohio State.

Penn, the country's No. 13 team, clubbed Western Kentucky 83-79 as Bob Morse scored 30 points and Cincinnati upset No. 17 Ohio University 104-67 behind Lloyd Batts' 30 points.

Cincinnati Coach Tay Baker was elated over the victory.

"I was thoroughly enjoying myself, just sitting there and watching them. My team was just great," he said.

Ohio Coach Jim Snyder disagreed with the definition of greatness.

"They are not outstanding," he said. "They're good. But there are a lot of good teams. I'll say this, though. Batts is a great basketball player."

Saban Seeks Balance In 1st Season

BUFFALO (AP) — Lou Saban, the new head coach of the Buffalo Bills National Football League team, said Thursday he would be satisfied if the Bills manage to balance their losses with victories next season.

Saban added he wanted to build and develop the youthful club, but said he was also thinking about trades.

His commnts were made in a press conference which heard Bills' owner Ralph Wilson Jr. confirm everybody's hunch—that Saban, Denver's head coach for the past five seasons, was replacing Harvey Johnson at the Buffalo helm.

For Saban, the switch was a return to familiar territory. He coached the Bills from 1962-65 and in the last two seasons saw them win American Football League championships.

Discussing what next year holds in store for the club that just ended a 1-13 campaign, Saban promised no miracles.

"Just to get back to a 7-7 record will be all right with me for now," he remarked. "There are too many unpredictables in football, although Harvey said to me he can't see why I shouldn't win 10 games next year."

Wilson revealed he had approached Saban about coming to Buffalo shortly after Saban stepped down as the Broncos coach Nov. 17.

He did not make public the terms of Saban's contract, but said it was one of "many years." Saban's earlier stint with the Bills rested on four one-year pacts.

Ron Johnson of the New York Giants gained 1,027 yards last season.

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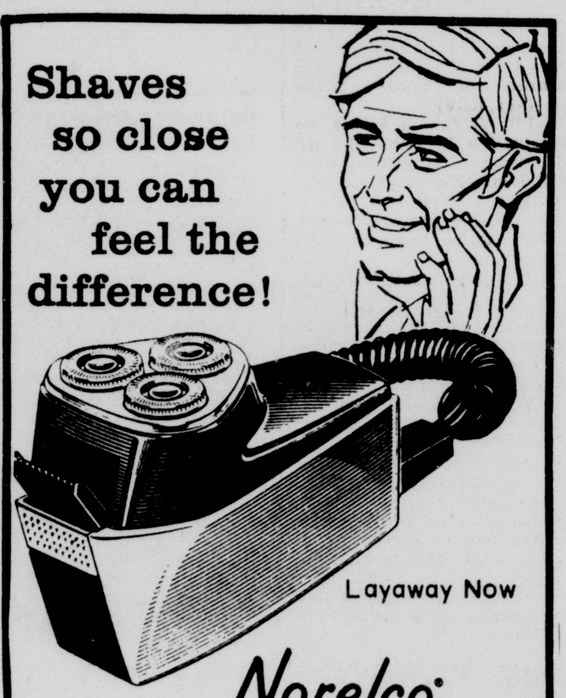
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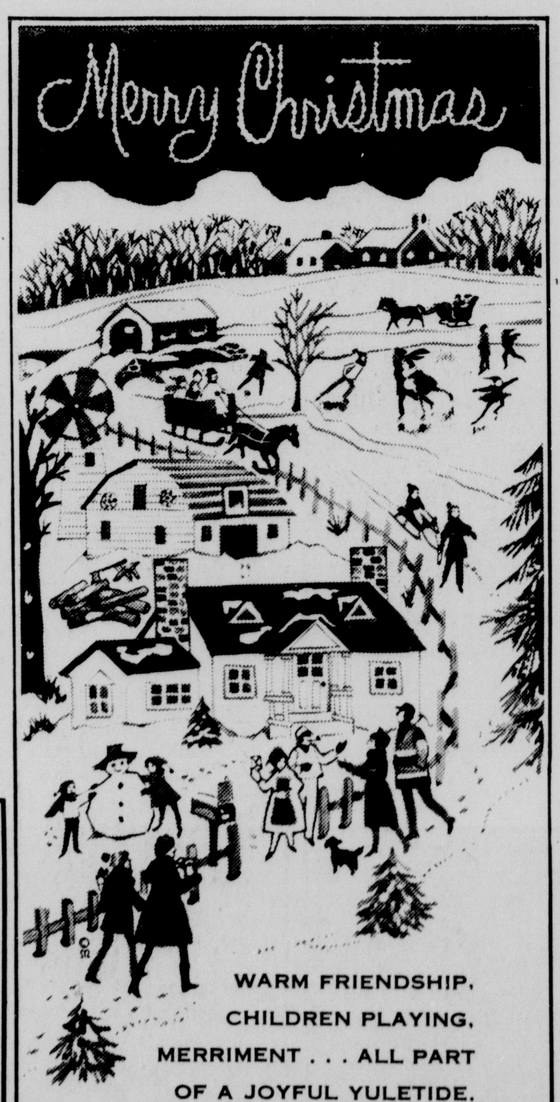
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Unusual Gifts This Season

By PEACE STERLING
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It's Christmas time again, but decking the halls really isn't that much fun if you're in a panic over your gift list. This year, though, instead of the same ties, perfumes or scarves, why not surprise your friends and relatives with something really different — like:

An acre of California desert, six Shetland ponies or 200 Beatle wigs. Or a fur - trimmed bathtub, a five - foot doll or a Chinese screen.

Those are all offerings from Goodwill Industries, and chances are your local Goodwill store will have other unique and unusual gifts.

But if shopping at the Goodwill store isn't your bag, why not do some bookstore browsing. Try for somethingdifferent though — like "The Hog Book," a real conversation piece. It has160 pages of pictures, ballads and literature about this much - rereated animal and is published by Macmillan.

Another book is "Gems for the Taking," good for an enthusiastic friend who might enjoy knowing where to find rubies, emeralds, sapphires, diamonds, amethysts and jade somewhere besides in a jewelry store. Mary Brown says, in her book, that those stones can be found in all 50 states, and maybe even in your own back yard.

If you'd still like to give clothes, fine. But this year, for the man on the go who doesn't like to bother with fancy dressing, there's a portable roll -up wardrobe of four cotton T-shirts, to suit the needs of any occasion. They're designed by Paris Accessories for Men and are printed to look like a dinner jacket, blazer, shirt and tie and shirt and tie and ruffled shirt.

Clothes probably wouldn't do for the man or woman in your life who has everything, so what about Bulova's Computron, an electronic clock that tells the hour, minute and second and whether it's AM or PM in any place on earth. It comes in a cabinet of solid walnut with a map that indicates the major cities of the 24 world time zones.

For a friend whose fun is games, there's a king sized chess set, called the Imperial, made by Wm. F. Drueke & Sons., Inc. The men are 5 inches high, and they're made of a hard thermoplastic, tough enough to survive even the most hysterical loser's temper tantrum.

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St. Ambrose Members Votes To Close School

CHAFFEE — Members of St. Ambrose Catholic Church here have voted overwhelmingly in favor of closing their 56-year -old parish elementary school.

The final decision on the proposed closing now rests wih the Diocese of Springfield - Cape Girardeau. The Most Rev. Wm. W. Baum, bishop, is studying the vote and problems the loss of the school may cause.

Results of the parish referendum held Sunday were announced today by the Rev. Justin D. Monaghan of Cape Girardeau, diocesan director of communications.

Members of the parish voted on four options. A total of 178 ballots were cast in favor of closing St. Ambrose School and starting a religious education program for the entire parish under the direction of a special coordinator.

Vote totals on the three other options were: No. 1, maintaining grades one through six with three lay teachers, 26; No. 2, maintaining grades one throu six with thee lay teachers assisted by a religious coordinator, 44, and No. 4, maintain grades one through eight with four lay teachers, 33.

Bishop Baum's decision on the parish vote is expected "within a week to 10 days," Father Monaghan said today.

The Rev. James J. Holmes, pastor of St. Ambrose Church, was meeting with the bishop today in Springfield.

The referendum resulted from an announcement by the Sisters of Mercy two weeks ago that the order would remove its two teaching nuns from the school next June.

The school, which cost $36,500 to operate last year, has 118 pupils and four teachers.

Dr. Croom Honored

MALDEN — The Malden Board of Education honored Dr. Wayne Croom, The Malden State Bank, The First National Bank of Malden and the Malden Rotary Club Monday night, December 13, when the Board met in regular session.

Dr. Croom was awarded a plaque of appreciation for his services and medical attention to members of the MHS football teams. Dr. Croom, who attends all football games, gives medical attention to all injured MHS players and provides his services free to the School District. Malden is one of just several schools in the State that has its own physician.

The Malden State Bank and The First National Bank were honored for providing insurance for all members of the Malden football squads. A new law which went into effect this year forbid the school drom providing the protection needed. Jack Waller, bank president, accepted the plaque for the Malden State Bank, and Charles Royal, president, accepted the award for the First National Bank.

The two banks agreed to pay for the insurance protection on a 50-50 basis. The cost for each player on a squad was $21.50.

The Malden Rotary Club was honored for a gift of $1,000 to be used to help defray expenses for installing new lights at the football field. Board members, both past and present, had been aware of the need for new lighting at the field, but were unable to allot money needed for the purpose. The $1,000 gift by the Rotarians made the installation of the new lights possible.

Rotary President Otto Green and Rotarian Raymond Santie accepted the plaque on behalf of the club.

Maid Of Cotton Winner Out Of Twenty Finalists

MEMPHIS -- The annual game of trying to pick a winner in the Maid of Cotton selection begins for Memphians Tuesday, Dec. 28, with arrival of 20 pretty finalists from all over the Cotton Belt.

The Maid of Cotton event has been held here each year since 1939.

Wednesday a seven - member judging committee headed by Dr. Margaret Berry of the University of Texas will get down to the serious business of choosing a girl to represent the American cotton industry as its official fashion and good will ambassadress. The judges will make their decision Thursday night, Dec. 30, after two days of closely observing finalists in a variety of contest activities.

Events open Tuesday evening with a welcoming reception given by Memphis Cotton Wives for finalists, their families, and the judges. At noon Wednesday, Memphis Rotarians host a finalist luncheon to be highlighted by presentation of the annual "girl watcher's" trophy to the club member who correctly guessed last year's winner. Other activities for the day include a press conference, an hour - long interview program on WMC-TV, and the Memphis Press- Scimitar formal dinner - dance honoring finalists.

Individual interviews with the judges are scheduled throughout the day Thursday. Naming of the 1972 Maid and two alternates will come about 10 o'clock that evening at the Mid-South Coliseum after a 2½ - hour program which will include speeches by the finalists. Pat Perry, the 1971 Maid from Danville, Va., also will address the audience.

A breakfast reception hosted by Memphis Cotton Carnival Association will honor all 20 finalists immediately after the selection. The 1972 Maid will fly to Dallas the next morning to participate in the Cotton Bowl Festival.

Following tour preparations and wardrobe fittings in Memphis, she will travel extensively in the United States, Canada, the Far East, and Europe. At the conclusion of her tour, the 1972 Maid will return here for presentation of a new automobile by Memphis District Ford dealers. The Maid of Cotton selection and tour are sponsored by the National Cotton Council.



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Filming the festivities is easier this year than ever before. If you plan a candlelight dinner, an evening by the fire place or activities that occur in ordinary room lighting, you can take movies with the new Kodak Instamatic XL-33. No additional lighting is needed.

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Remember those busy pre - Christmas days of shopping, wrapping gifts, selecting a tree, decorating the house and baking holiday goodies. They're all part of the story.

A movie about the hectic holiday preparations might be fun. For instance, a story about decorating could begin when the family leaves to look for the tree. Take a few shots of the family searching for the right tree, making the final selection and taking it home. Putting on the tensel, lights and ornaments provides lots of good pictures. And don't forget to get a picture of the finished tree with the gifts around it.

Wrapping gifts is another interesting story. You could show the family leaving for a shopping spree and returning with lots of packages. Then, with ribbon and wrapping paper spread on the table, take lots of close -ups of mom and the children tying bows, cutting paper and pasting on seals.

You could even dramatize a self - wrapping package. Begin by shooting a scene of mom waving her hand. Then stop the camera while she places the box on the paper. Get everyone out of camera range and press the button for a second. Set the camera aside and fold the paper over the top of the package and attach with tape. Then shoot another brief scene. Always shooting from the same location, continue this procedure in quick, short sequences until the package is wrapped. You'll be amazed at the effect when the movie is shown. The gift will appear to have wrapped itself. You can use this same technique for decorating the tree, baking cookies or any step - by - step preparation.

Whether you want to experiment with special effects or just get lots of pictures of your family and friends enjoying the holiday activities, your movies will tell a story if you take pictures of the natural events as they happen — from beginning to end.

Here are a few hints for good movies:

... Your subject is the center of attention. Shoot lots of close - ups for detail.

... Variation of scene length and shifts in subject distance — close - up, medium distance and long distance shots — create interest and help to tell a complete story.

... Titles can be used to identify times and events, and they stir the viewer's imagination. For the holidays, you might make titles with evergreen branches, wrapping ribbon or an appropriate greeting card.

... When taking movies of babies or children, best results are usually obtained by shooting at the subject's level. However, other angles are often effective and add variety.

... In movies you can capture all the movement. Hold your camera steady and focus on your moving subject.

The Prayer
from
The Upper Room

"I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day . . . A Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11, RSV)

PRAYER: Our Father, we thank You for Jesus, who can be Savior to us and to all Your children. We celebrate His birthday with gladness. Help us to see that we bring gladness to You when we follow the light Jesus brings. Amen.



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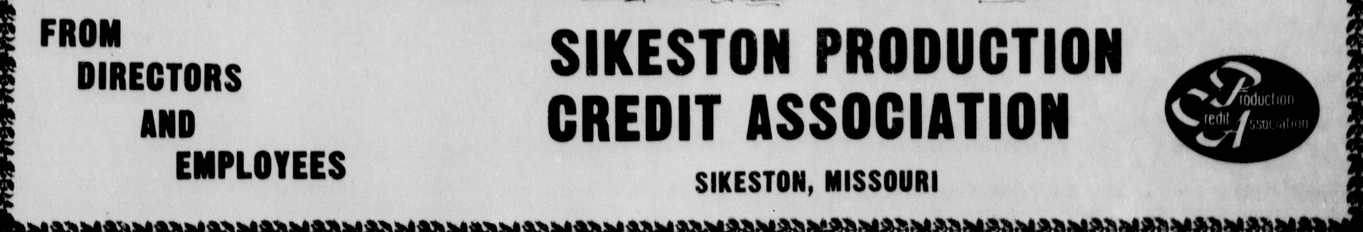
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FROM DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

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Photos Of Last Minute Holiday Spree



Kimberly and Scott Smith look over the few remaining toys in TG&Y toy selection. Mrs. Raymond Smith gives a quick glance at her children's wishes.



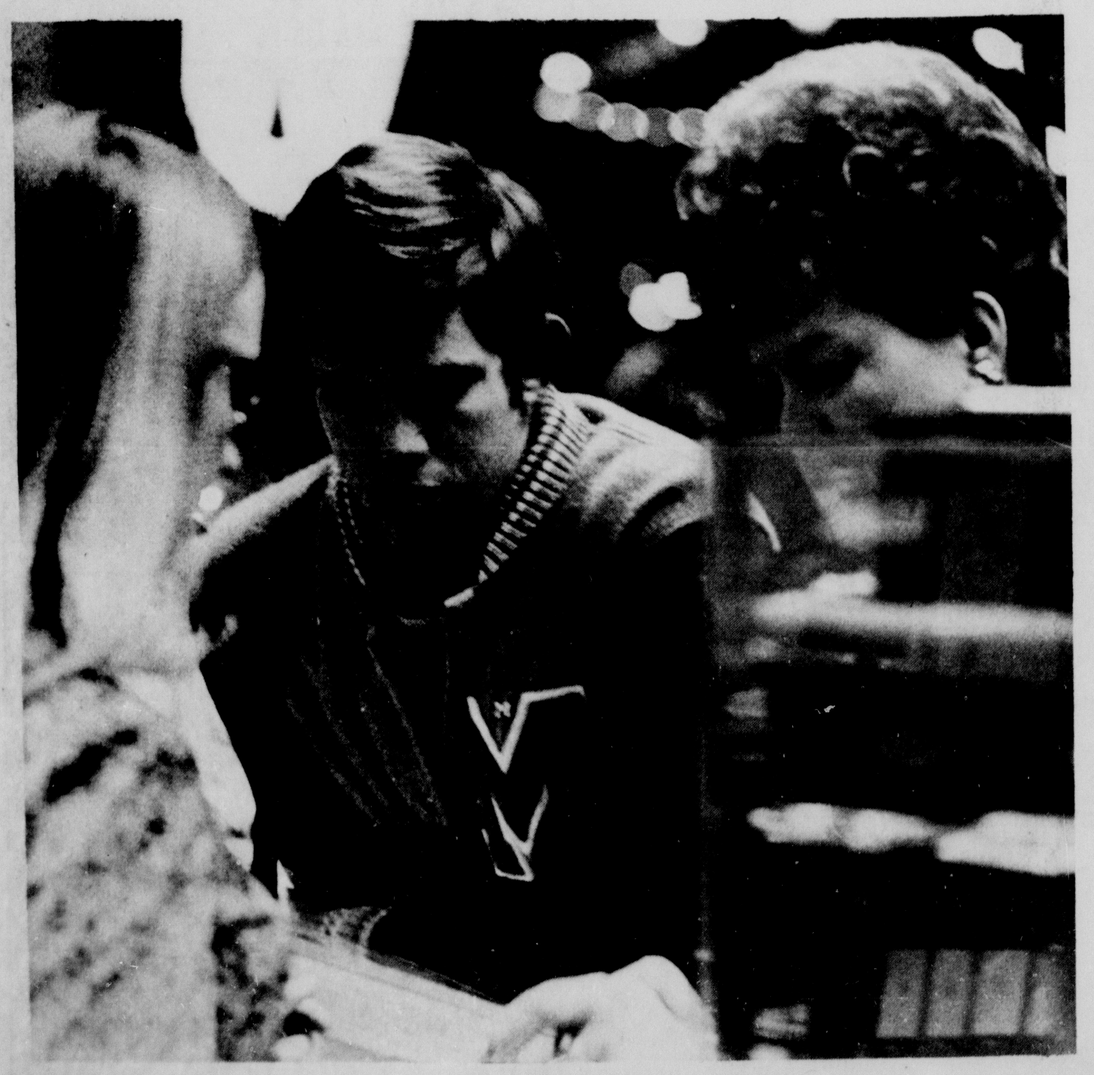


SHOPPING SPACE was at a premium during Christmas week in East Prairie. Festooned stores and street decorations added to the season's crowded conditions for holiday buying.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Peters and their son, Scott, have a difficult decision on some cologne during the last minute shopping.





Sharon Mason helps Mrs. Robbie LeGrand and her son decide on her birthstone ring. The ring is to be one of the gifts to wish her a Merry Christmas.



Miss Donna Butler assists Mrs. Minnie Clark in selecting a dress for her daughter's Christmas gifts ...

Oran News

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARYS:

Jeff Limbaugh, Marsha Pobst, Marty Priggel, Oradean Prindle,nd Crelia Branson celebrated their birthday this past week. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Soehlig and Mr. and Mrs. James Guiling enjoyed wedding anniversarys.

VISITORS IN TOWN:

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leon Urhahn this past week-end were Mr. an;Mrs. P. J. Schott Crestwood, Mo. Mr. an;Mrs. Paul Hess and Stevie Chaffee, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Birkbugler and Mr. and Mrs. Othmer Birkbugler and Family Biehle, Mo. and also Mr. August Welter & Mr. & Mrs. James Urhahn & daughter, Sikeston, Mo

CURRENT MISSION GROUP:

The Current Mission Group met at the home of Mrs. Estelle Neal last Friday for their regular meeting nd also for their annual Christmas covered dish dinner. After the dinner they all exchanged Christmas gifts those present to enjoy the festivities were Mrs. Ada Mansell, Mrs. Rosie Roberts, Mrs. Ethel Wright, Mrs. Crelia Branson, Mrs. Rilla Wagoner, Mrs. Nora Fulton, Mrs. Alberta Harmon, Mrs. Mary Purcell, Mrs. Dot Soehlig, Mrs. Zelma Clubb, Mrs. Ada Jean Wagoner, Rev. and Mrs. Larry Evans, Mrs. Eileen Varble of Chaffee, Mo. was a guest.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The employes of the International Hat Factory at Oran were given their annual Christmas dinner t the factory last Thursday. The dinner was catered by Mr. C's of Cape Girardeau, Mo. Mr. Ray Stuckey is the Manager of the plant. It was a very bountiful meal and enjoyed by all.

PAST MATRONS AND PAST PATRONS

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club of the Morley O.E.S. met last Wednesday at the Masonic Temple for their regular meeting and their Annual Christmas party. The meeting began with a covered dish dinner enjoyed by all. Then at the meeting the devotion was given by the Chaplain Mrs. Grace Curd. She read scriptures from the Bible. The minutes were read by Mrs. Jean Neal in the absence of the Secretary Mrs. Sarah Hirschowitz. The treasurer Mrs. Crutis Halford gave the treasurers report. The Chairman of the nominating committee for the Officers of the 1972 year presented the names of the nominees to the members they ere accepted and approved the new officers for the year are President Zelma Wagoner, Vice President - Jean Neal, Secretary - Vera Patterson, Treasurer - Curtis Halford, Corresponding Secretary - Audrey Hirschowtiz, and Chaplina - Grace Curd. After this Miss Carol Stine read a poem entitled "The Road to Bethleham. Mrs. Sue Mill the presiding President read a story "Christmas Poinsetta, and Margaret Hirschowitz read "Let us Live Christmas Everyday. Mrs. Sue Mill welcomed the new Jr. Past Matron, Jean Neal into the club and then gave her farwell to the members and guests, after which Miss Carol Stine led he club in sining Silent Night and everyone repeated the Lord's Prayer in unison. Then there was an exchange of Christmas gifts those present were Mr. and Mrs. Melton Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Halford and Carol Stine, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hirschowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Crader, Mr. and Mrs. James Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Patterson, Mrs. Jean Neal and Paula, Mrs. Sara Kaplan, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hirschowitz, all of Oran, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swinger and David and Mrs. Vera Miller Benton, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Matthews and Mrs. Grace Curd Morley, Mo. and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beggs Blodgett, Mo.

SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus will make his visit to Oran Friday afternoon at 2:00 O'clock so all good little boys and girls be sure and see him.

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NEWLY INSTALLED 1972 OFFICERS of Sikeston Masonic Lodge 310 are, from left, Leonard V. Colley, treasurer; Charles R. Tisdal, senior warden; Clarence E. Sadler, worshipful master; Bobby R. Conley, junior warden; Elbert F. Sloan, secretary; second row, Walter M. Rayburn, tiler; E. P. Aldridge, organist; Donald L. Swilley, senior steward; Walter A. Powell, chaplain; third row, H. Cline Carter, senior deacon; Clifford B. Morris, marshal; Buddy H. Dock, junior steward; and Joseph W. Mills, junior deacon. Sadler replaced Henry J. Holyfield as worshipful master.

Records Filed

BENTON: These legal instruments were filed with John Bollinger, Recorder:

Darrell and Juanita Alcorn to David C. and Linda F. Jones, WARRANTY lot 11, block 1, McClure's Subdiv. Sikeston

Paul and Annabell Arnold to Gary Wayne and Carol Sue Bumgardaner, RELEASE W/ AFFIDAVITS lot 1, 2, 3, F. S. Bice's 2nd Add. Perkins.

Dwight Crader as Trustee to Schumacher Mortage Co., Inc., TRUSTEE'S DEED lot 3, block 3, Conn's Subdiv. Sikeston.

Gene A. and Dorothy Mae Crain to James Herman to Madgeleene M. Wood, WARRANTY lot 3, 4, block 1, Kime's Subdiv. Sikeston.

Charles E. Sr., and Lorene L. Deroush to Edward Swiney, WARRANTY lot 2, block 13, Chamber of Commerce Add. Sikeston

David A. and Sandra D. Farrow to Odus and Elizabeth A. Smith, WARRANT pt. lot 5, all lot 6, 7, pt. lot 8, Harold Q. Lunsden's Subdiv. Chaffee.

First Baptist Church of Sikeston By Trustee to Doyne and Mildred Chartran, WARRANTY w. 21' lot 1, all lot 2, block 3, Boardman's Add. Sikeston.

Jimmy D. Grimes to Peggy A. Grimes, QUIT CLAIM S. 120' lot 157, Jones Subdiv. Sikeston.

Peggy A. Grimes to Jimmy D. Grimes, QUIT CLAIM lot 6, 7, 8, block 7, Lillian A. Smith Add. Sikeston.

Lester and Mary H. Gramlisch to Charles and Mable Grissom, WARRANTY lot 12, 13, block 25, Original town Chaffee.



MERRY CHRISTMAS, FRIENDS...

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Steps Taken To Put Corn In Balance With Demand

NEW MADRID -- Farmers have three set - aside choices to make in the 1972 Feed Grain Program. "Every farmer is aware that more corn was harvested in 1971 than was immediately needed. Now steps are being taken to put corn back in balance with market demand," said John Hutcheson, Chairman of the Missouri State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

Hutcheson outlined the choices in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 1972 Feed Grain Set - Aside Program.

First choice for producers who have feed grain bases (corn, barley or grain sorghum) on their farms is whether to sign up between January 17 and February 25 in the voluntary feed grain program. When a producer signs up in the program, he agrees to set aside an acreage equal to 25 percent of his total feed grain base.

"This is a five -percent increase in the set - aside over the 1971 program," Hutcheson said. "A farmer agrees to keep his set - aside and conserving base acres out of production, and he is then free to plant all or part of his farm to any non - quota crop he wishes.

"The feed grain base is used only to figure the number of acres to be set aside and the payment total. It in no way limits the amount or the kind of non - quota crops he can grow," Hutcheson explained.

A feed grain producer who signs up for the qualifying 25 percent set - aside may also sign up for one or both of two additional options being offered.

He may designate acreage up to 10 percent more of his corn - sorghum base for set - aside. If he has a barley base, he may designate an additional acreage equal to 20 per cent of his barley base for set - aside. A farmer will receive an additional payment on this optional set -aside acreage.

Producers who have corn - grain sorghum bases may take a second option and offer to set aside an acreage equal to 5 or 10 percent more of the total corn=grain sorghum base. Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz will decide no later than mid-March whether to accept the 5 or 10 percent of additional acreage offered under this second option.



POLLY'S POINTERS

Her Bulletin Boards Are on Cupboard Doors

By POLLY CRAMER

DEAR POLLY—The insides of my kitchen cupboards are my bulletin boards. On them I tape all the family schedules, such as football, band practice, etc. On the door of the cupboard by the phone, I have made pockets by taping on envelopes in which I keep prescription numbers, telephone numbers of those in car pools, and so on. Near the outside door is an envelope for the children's library cards. On the door to the cupboard that holds china I have taped newspaper clippings, poems and so on that I enjoy rereading.—MRS S. W.

Polly's Problem

DEAR POLLY—For the first time, we are living in a home serviced by a septic tank so would like a list of "Dos and Don'ts" that others have found useful for the proper use of this type of facility. Would appreciate knowing what types of soap, etc., work best.—MRS J. C. D.

DEAR POLLY—My Pet Peeve is with air-conditioning filters that cannot be easily removed. Manufacturers, please help us. In the meanwhile, I have a temporary solution that works for me. Before inserting the filter, I stick loops of masking tape or gummed plastic tape on each end to make tabs for use in removing the filter from the unit when time comes for a change.—MRS. J. B.

DEAR POLLY—I have some possible help for Mrs. V. S. whose sailcloth dress with a jacket wrinkles so badly. An Agricultural Dept. Extension agent passed it on to me several years ago. To keep a summer suit or dress clean longer and more wrinkle-proof, wash and iron, then spray the garment with that widely used water-proofing and spot resistant protective spray. It does not show and keeps soil and wrinkles away.—MRS. W. R. S.

DEAR GIRLS—I have some sailcloth curtains and find they look better if taken from the line or dryer while still damp rather than being allowed to completely dry and then be sprinkled. Do not roll up before ironing but fold to prevent more wrinkles from forming. Iron until dry.—POLLY

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

You will receive a dollar if Polly uses your favorite homemaking idea, Pet Peeve, Polly's Problem or solution to a problem. Write Polly in care of this newspaper.

Today's Young Couples Share Preparation for Parenthood

by Ralph W. Gause, M.D.
Senior Medical Consultant
The National Foundation-March of Dimes



DR. CLARENCE J. YOUNG teaches young parents in Apple Valley, Calif., at childbirth education class co-sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital, the March of Dimes, and the Junior Women's Club.

It used to be that having a baby was a function reserved for women only. Nowadays, however, the father of the yet-to-be born baby is being invited to participate if not in the actual pregnancy, at least in the emotional atmosphere that surrounds it. One might speak of a "pregnant family." The more the father-to-be is let in on what the pregnant woman is going through, the stronger the marriage can be and the happier the baby when he becomes aware of his parents. According to Max Deutscher, a psychologist, "it is pregnancy which makes parents out of spouses and a family out of a marriage."

Pregnancy is a natural process, not an illness. In most cases, the common-sense rules that a doctor will lay down are all the "special treatment" that will be necessary. What matters most is that the parents see a doctor just as soon as the woman thinks she is going to have a baby. Prenatal care is critically important from the beginning because it is during the first 56 days that the embryological side of fetal development is completed. Early and regular medical attention can mean the difference between a healthy pregnancy and delivery or one marked by complications. Both parents should demonstrate a greater sense of responsibility than commonly practiced during pregnancy. They are the custodians of a future person and their awareness of the size of the task is essential.

Nutrition Vital

The future father isn't going to go through physical changes, but his wife's pregnancy certainly is an emotionally charged time for him. Pregnancy is nine months of growing a baby. It is also nine months of growing together, of learning to know each other in new roles. It is a trial run for parenthood.

A mother begins feeding—or underfeeding—her baby nine months before he is born. An expectant mother's diet is of particular importance. She must protect her own health to meet the nutritional needs of her developing child. Nutrition is a vital factor in helping to lower infant deaths and the serious problem of premature births.

Proper weight gain is necessary for a healthy pregnancy. Naturally, it should depend upon general health, height, age, build and normal weight. If a mother is quite thin when she becomes pregnant, she will need to gain more than a woman who is overweight. As for smoking, please cut it out—not just cut down. Out.

Nutrition and correct weight gain are always emphasized in prenatal care education programs sponsored by The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

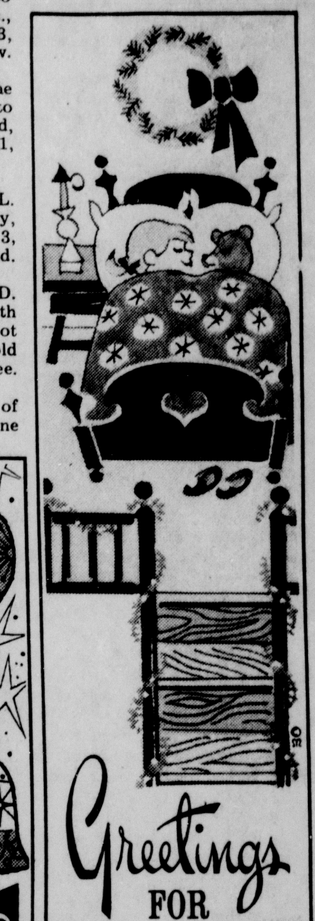
An expectant mother's teeth may need extra attention. Gums have a tendency to bleed more at this time. She should make an appointment early in pregnancy and, above all, let the dentist know that she is pregnant.

Exercise is very important. Walking is the simplest form and available to all. There is a difference between walking for the fun of it and walking while working. Pregnancy is no time to take up a new sport. If a woman notices that her leg veins are enlarging, she should wear support stockings and put her feet up more often than a woman who is not troubled by varicose veins.

New Roles

Drugs of any kind, unless they are prescribed by a doctor, are to be avoided. A certain amount of constipation may be expected, and the best way to treat it is to eat plenty of roughage foods—fruits, vegetables, especially salads, and cereals. Use laxatives only on the doctor's recommendation.

In more and more hospitals, fathers are welcome in labor and delivery rooms, provided they have attended childbirth education classes with their wives. With this kind of preparation, the father can give his wife helpful support during labor. Some doctors and hospitals do not approve of fathers attending the delivery, but most encourage childbirth education for a couple even if the father will not be present at birth.



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Greetings

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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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Light of The Incarnation--5

The Triune God: Father, Son and Spirit

(Editor's note: This is the fifth and final article in a five-part Christmas series about the Incarnation. It deals with that old and problematic expression of the threefold aspects of God — the Trinity.)

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

Maps in a geography book always reflect some error and distortion. It's impossible to scale exactly the curved surface of the earth on flat paper. Even greater misrepresentation is involved in mapping the stars.

Whatever projection is used, it can't convey the spatial depth of the reality, even though it may match the appearance — the illusion as seen from earth. Like a stick under water, it looks that way, although it really isn't.

The problem is somewhat like that of the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the old church equation devised to explicate the puzzle implied by faith in Jesus as God while still affirming belief in only one universal God.

It sounds contradictory, yet it expresses the "central mystery of Christianity, its deepest truth and the root of all others," says Yale theologian Claude Welch. It's also "the most difficult to state adequately."

Yet you can't get anywhere traveling without maps, or thinking without definitions, even if both are somewhat faulty. Religious philologist Ian Ramsey says the Trinity formula simply provides necessary "rules for our talking."

It's often misunderstood, and inevitably falls short of the divine reality to which it points, observes Episcopal theologian John Macquarrie, yet it "has a much more coherent logic than many of its critics have allowed."

Active in Three Ways

Although its early phraseology contains terms whose connotations have changed and which now can be misleading, it declares basically that God is of one essence, one being, active in three ways — as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

His "modes of being," Switzerland's Karl Barth puts it, are co-equal, co-eternal, yet experienced by mankind in particular times and circumstances.

Actually, it's impossible to speak of God at all except as a vague abstraction without referring to the particular content and forms by which he has made himself known to human beings.

And within their awareness, he has done it variously — as Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier — his triune "ways of being" God as recognized by man. The concept has a pragmatic, existential dimension to it.

"It is a language rooted in existence, in man's experience of the approach of God," Macquarrie says. He refers to God as "Holy Being" and offers these descriptions of his threefold aspects:

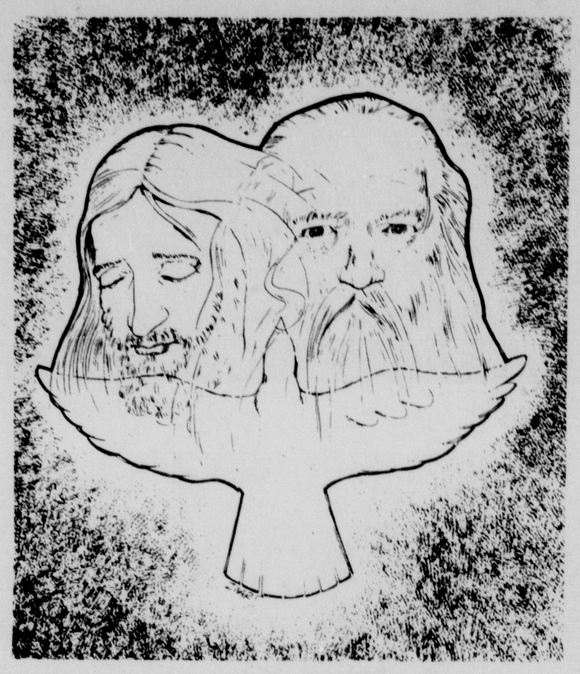
"Primordial Being" (the Father), the hidden creative source and mind; "expressive Being" (Jesus), a taking on of intelligible structures in time and space, and "unitive Being" (Spirit), a continuing activity to restore and reconcile men to true participation in being.

Yet all are one, congruent, consistent, coherent features in God's "Holy Being." He sees as one; man sees him as three. He definitely is not a triad, as in polytheism, scholars emphasize, but a richly complex triunity — a Trinity.

It's somewhat like liquid, ice and vapor, all water, yet observed in three forms, or the thought, feelings and actions of one person.

In its development, the doctrine primarily was an attempt to uphold the full manhood and full Godhood of Jesus. While it asserts both, it doesn't purport to explain the underlying paradox of the Christmas event, the Incarnation.

So the old "how" questions persist, seeking to bring into man's objective purview what



God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit

is inherently beyond it.

If Jesus was God and knew it, this condition itself would seem to have shielded him from the anxieties, temptations and uncertainties of being genuinely human.

Also, was he conscious of his role from the first, or did he grow into it? Moreover, if God is all-pervasive, "how" could he be limited to a single man in one place and time?

Theologians over the years have wrestled with such questions, and offered various explanations.

One now widely held is the "kenotic theory" — that Jesus divested himself during his earthly life of the divine qualities of omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence.

"Emptied himself," St. Paul puts it, in order to live entirely within the limitations of man. "He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped," but took "the form of a servant" and "humbled himself and became obedient even unto death."

This, however, is rather technical logic. Taking a different and perhaps more appealing approach, numerous theologians say that Jesus showed the basic compatability between total Godliness and total humaneness, a possibility only he has realized.

"A man becomes man precisely through his union with the divine word," says Catholic theologian Gregory Baum. "The closer this union the more human he is." All men share it to some extent, but in Jesus "this union was an absolute one."

The Divine Word

He thus constitutes "the complete and perfect man precisely because he is the divine word," Baum adds. This also points to an unrealized potentiality in humanity itself.

Protestant theologian John B. Cobb of California's School of Theology at Claremont, says the old "dualistic" problem about how Jesus could be both God and man is based mostly on a fallacy in supposing that God's presence in a man curtails his being really human.

Actually, the opposite is the case, he maintains. "Against this dualistic assumption, the church rightly asserted 'fully human and fully divine'." He says it might be even clearer to say "fully human because fully divine.

"God makes himself present in every moment of human existence. The more fully that presence is effective, the more fully open, free and responsible as well as loving that moment of existence is."

This is obscured as long as people juxtapose human "selfhood" in contrast to God's presence, Cobb adds, but in Jesus, the distinction was transcended and "he and the presence of God within him became one."

Certainly, Jesus in his humanity has never been considered all of God in his infinite presence and activity, but rather to have projected that divine reality fully in human terms and the human context.

But did it happen automatically in Jesus, by some inescapable compulsion? Scholars increasingly point out that Scriptures indicate it was a matter of growth, development and increasing awareness.

As with other men, it involved God's invitation and Jesus' response, says Catholic theologian Edward Schillebeeckx. It didn't "come about one-sidedly even in Christ."

His understanding of his divine mission also "seems to have been a gradual realization," says Catholic theologian Richard H. McGrath.

Jesus had to make continual choices in the face of temptations. Scripture indicates his role was conditioned on his continual response. "Therefore does the Father love me, because I lay down my life," he says.

He is human to the core, weeping, thirsting, celebrating, wondering. When would the end come? He didn't know. He was patient, tough, vigorous, dominating, forgiving, supportive, bracing up the weak, building love.

And also, "I am the light of the world."

Singularly among men, he was totally receptive to God's will so that it covered "the whole of his life, so that his life was the life of God himself," says Presbyterian scholar D.M. Baillie.

Yet he also is manhood in its fullest flower, and that not despite, but because of his total Godliness. A "sign raised to the nations," says Catholic theologian Karl Rahner, a signal of the full possibility of "what it is to be a man."

Every man, in a way, is more than himself, with a shadowy borderline between his behavior and his best, between his conscious personality and the inner person, between the objective self and the subjective self within.

Two Sides in One

Psychologists distinguish these as the "empirical ego" and the "transcendental ego," recognizing that they are not separate in essence, but only two sides of the same person.

Furthermore, man is not just a static nature, a fixed stock of characteristics, like a rock or potato, but is open-ended, emerging, dynamic, always coming into his own, a creaturely being seeking creative being.

"It is not so difficult for us today to accept a radical capacity for self-transcendance in man," says Jesuit theologian Thomas E. Clarke. "The scientific, technological and cultural explosions of recent times make us wary of setting any fixed limits to man's openness."

And Jesus points toward the utmost possibility, to men's capacity to receive God's gift of himself and thereby to become true men, to find their own real being. "Yet not I, but Christ in me," Paul puts the mystery.

It is something men can share and do share in partial, incomplete ways. They, like Jesus, are capable of love, of a genuinely giving, self-sacrificial love, although they never allow it full play.

"The Kingdom of God is within you," Jesus said.

His Highest Heritage

But it is held back by fear, distrust and a world of hurts. It's within man, limited, a stage, a possibility. It's his highest heritage. Not his brain or conscience. Just his ability to love. This is his family likeness with God, tugging humanity on toward the full realization of it.

"God is love," John's epistle says. That is what made Jesus and God one, and what sometimes, to a degree, if love is strong, makes two people virtually one, not by diminishing either but by making each more fully himself. That, and not formulas, is what explains the Trinity.

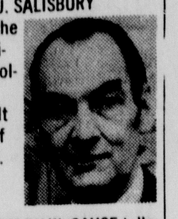
And it is what the Incarnation actualized in human history, an authentic love that gives itself away, that fulfills itself only in expending itself to nurture and complete others. It is no clever theory, but a life lived, a window into ultimate reality, revealing that despite what history looks like on the surface, love rules its center.

And it is the destiny set before mankind. It is the Christmas gift, the promise and the possibility. It says that holiness is not far off, but very near, here among us, in the toils of earth. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," he said. Love is like that. It never lets you alone. It keeps asking, urging that one give it and live it and thus have life.

GAINING GROUND IN PREVENTION OF BIRTH DEFECTS

Medical authorities associated with The National Foundation-March of Dimes discuss current developments in the prevention and treatment of birth defects. The articles deal with delivery of medical care, research and public health education.

DR. ARTHUR J. SALISBURY emphasizes the need to vaccinate preschoolers against rubella to halt this source of birth defects.



DR. RALPH W. GAUSE talks about the "family pregnancy" concept popular with young couples, and growing awareness of the need for early prenatal care.



DR. NEIL BUIST examines the highly individualized care needed for children born with body chemistry defects, which are often subtle, but deadly.



DR. ABNER H. LEVKOFF explains why intensive care nurseries are essential in reducing infant mortality and preventing permanent damage to critically ill newborns.



DR. CHARLES EPSTEIN relates scientific advances to increased accuracy in genetic counseling and describes how his genetics clinic serves areas outside the periphery of the Center.



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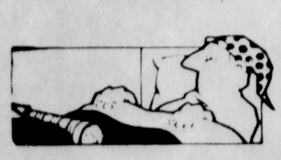
IT'S TOUGH ALL OVER on the labor-management front, apparently. Even in superprosperous West Germany, where striking metal workers demonstrate in Stuttgart. The strike has paralyzed auto production and idled more than half a million workers.

BARBS

By PHIL PASTORET

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION
Sec. 473.587, RSMo.)
STATE OF MISSOURI,)
ss.)
COUNTY OF SCOTT)
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, MISSOURI at Benton, Missouri
In the estate of)
CAMILLA KIEFER)
deceased)
Estate No. 3868
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Camilla Kiefer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that a final settlement and petition for determination of the persons who are the successors in interest to the personal and real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interests therein and for distribution of such property, will be filed in the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri by the undersigned on the 3rd day of January, 1972 or as continued by the court, and that any objections or exceptions to such settlement or petition or any item thereof must be in writing and filed within ten days after the filing of such settlement.

Jim S. Green, Hux & Green, Attorney. 204 W. North St., Sikeston, Mo. 36801. Telephone Number 471-1737

Frank Kiefer, Administrator, RFD 1, Oran, Missouri 63771. Telephone Number: 262-3296
238-244-250-256

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In the estate of)
John A. Martin)
deceased.)
Estate No. 3793
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BLANTON, BLANTON, RICE & SICKAL, Attorney. Sikeston, Missouri, Telephone Number 471-1000.

Lottie L. Martin, Executrix, 1020 N. Kingshighway, Sikeston, Mo. Telephone Number 471-3890.
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the Note described in and secured by Deed of Trust executed by Richard Allen Raines and Ann B. Raines, his wife, dated October 17, 1970, recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Scott County, Missouri, in Deed of Trust Book 171 at page 423, and conveying to the undersigned Trustee, the following described property situated in the County of Scott and State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of Lot Numbered Four (4) in Block Numbered Thirty-Three (33) in McCoy and Tanner's Seventh Addition to the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri,

at the request of the legal holder of said Note and in accordance with the provisions of said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Trustee will on

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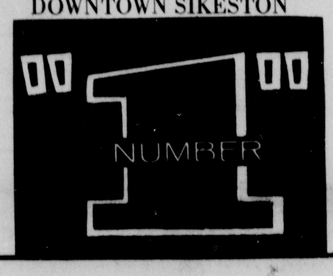
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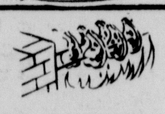
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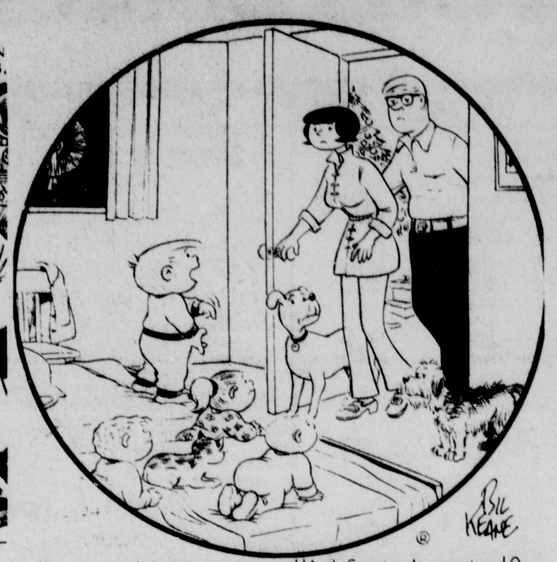
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS — By Bil Keane



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OUR BOARDING HOUSE — with Major Hoople



OUT OUR WAY — by Neg Cochran



SIDE GLANCES — by Gill Fox



"Mrs. Mosely, would you care to have a Christmas drink with two lonely men and a computer?"

Today In U.S. History

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 1971. There are seven days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1814, the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium, ending the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1524, the Portuguese navigator who discovered the sea route to India, Vasco Da Gama, died.

In 1650, Edinburgh Castle in Scotland surrendered to the forces of Oliver Cromwell.

In 1865, a secret order called the Ku Klux Klan was organized in Pulaski, Tenn.

In 1942, during World War II, the French administrator of North Africa, Adm. Jean Darlan, was assassinated in Algiers.

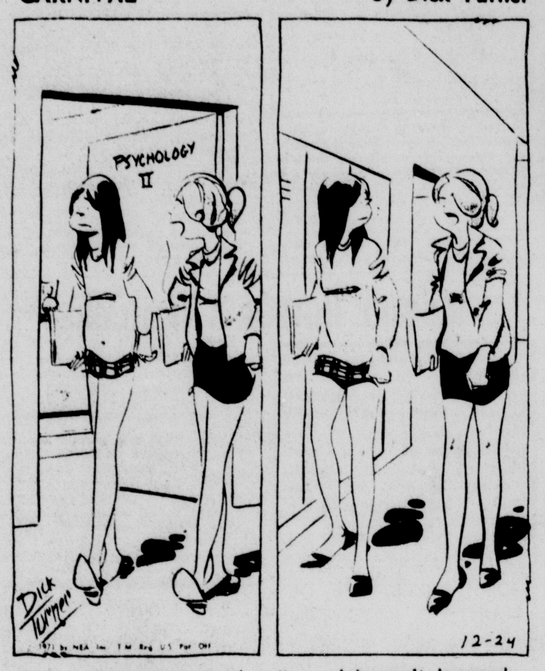
In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower would command Allied forces in the coming invasion of Europe.

In 1949, radio stations around the country were playing a new hit song, "Rudolph, the Rednosed Reindeer."

Ten years ago: President John F. Kennedy was conferring in Palm Beach, Fla., with President Arturo Frondizi of Argentina.

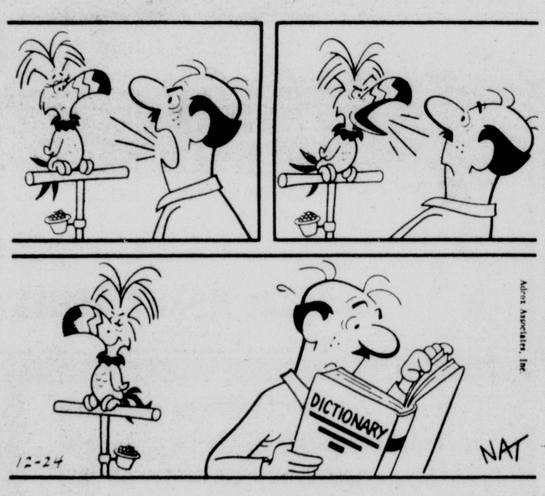
Five years ago: A U.S. Flying Tiger cargo plane crashed into a populated area near Da Nang air base in South Vietnam, killing the crew of four and more than 100 civilians on the ground.

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"It's not a very practical course . . ."

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By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Saturday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

1 Auspicious	31 Upon	61 To	
2 Distant	32 Mail	62 Sentiment	
3 Couldn't	33 And	63 Things	
4 Don't	34 You'll	64 That	
5 Day	35 And	65 Depend	
6 People	36 Accomplish	66 Working	
7 For	37 Your	67 Strongly	
8 Places	38 Things	68 Order	
9 Banish	39 Factors	69 Today	
10 Family	40 Today	70 Be	
11 Genuinely	41 Your	71 Upon	
12 Attached	42 That	72 Revised	
13 Be	43 Will	73 You	
14 Give	44 May	74 For	
15 Fortunes	45 Gifts	75 Love-making	
16 Sure	46 Without	76 Laughter	
17 Machinery	47 Parcels	77 Alone	
18 Stars	48 Desires	78 Lurk	
19 Shine	49 Undue	79 And	
20 To	50 Effort	80 Remember	
21 May	51 May	81 You	
22 Negative	52 Pursuits	82 Don't	
23 Is	53 You	83 Gav	
24 Favorably	54 Better	84 Within	
25 Money	55 Have	85 Worry	
26 Attract	56 May	86 Purse	
27 In	57 Conveying	87 Enduring	
28 Be	58 Be	88 Times	
29 You	59 Do	89 You	
30 Give	60 Delayed	90 Friendships	

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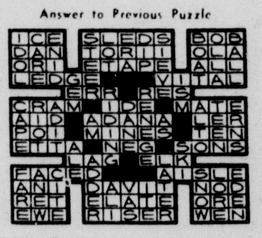
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Season's Greetings!

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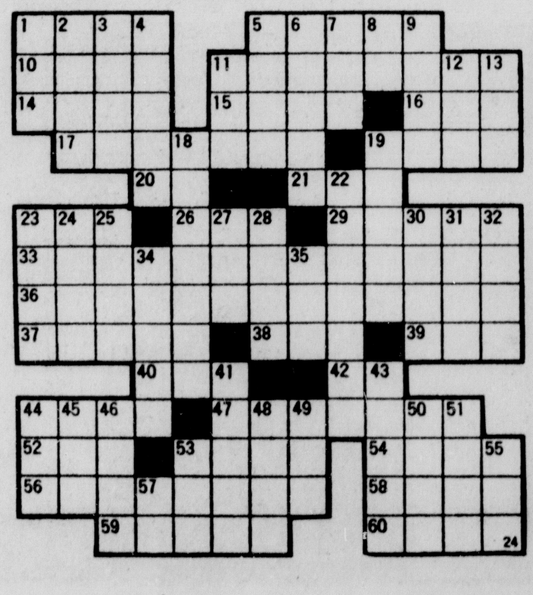


ACROSS

1 — log
5 Santa —
10 "Emerald Isle"
11 Formal retraction
14 Tolstoy heroine
15 Biblical sinner
16 Period of time
17 Southern Slav
19 Lion's pride
20 Sound of hesitation
21 Shoulder (comb. form)
23 — — was saying
26 American Association of Engineers (ab.)
29 As regards
33 Yuletide symbol (2 words)
36 Parts of automobiles
37 From then until now
38 Golf mound
39 Coterie
40 Tree
42 Preposition
44 Liturgical garments
47 Desert bird
52 English river
53 Singing voice
54 Christmas —
56 Golf event
58 Wild ox of Celebes
59 Sylvan deity (myth.)
60 Dispatch

DOWN

1 Indeed
2 Footed vases
3 Row
4 Lake in Finland
5 Biblical town
6 South American plain
7 French river
8 French article
9 White alkaline
11 Hawaiian food
12 River in Virginia
13 Organ of sight
18 Trumpets, horns, etc.
19 Italian poet (1754-1828)
22 Health resort employe
23 Deeds
24 Hindu goddess of beauty (var.)
25 Persia
27 Atmosphere (ab.)
28 Send forth
30 Greek god of love
31 Hawaiian bird
32 Examination
34 Peruvian Indians
35 Peer Gynt's mother
41 Ornamental plant
43 Type size (pl.)
44 Commotion
45 Bulgarian currency
46 Useful insects
48 — — of Bethlehem
49 Plaything
50 Walking stick
51 Danube tributary
53 Liable
55 Family member (coll.)
57 Egyptian sun god



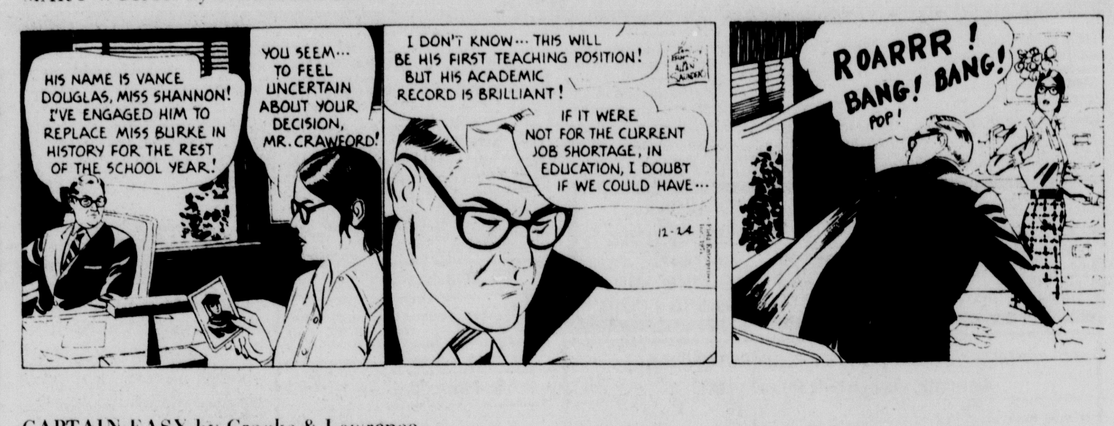
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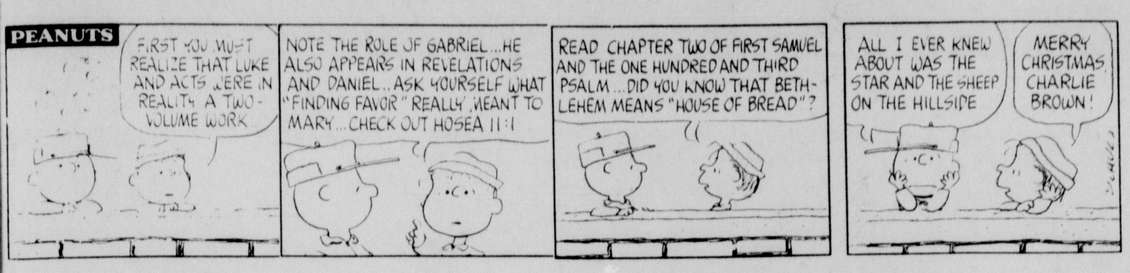
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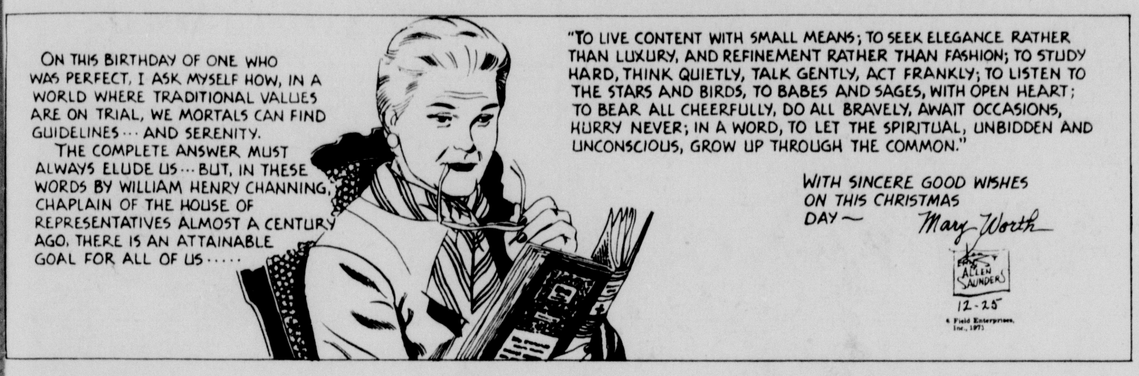
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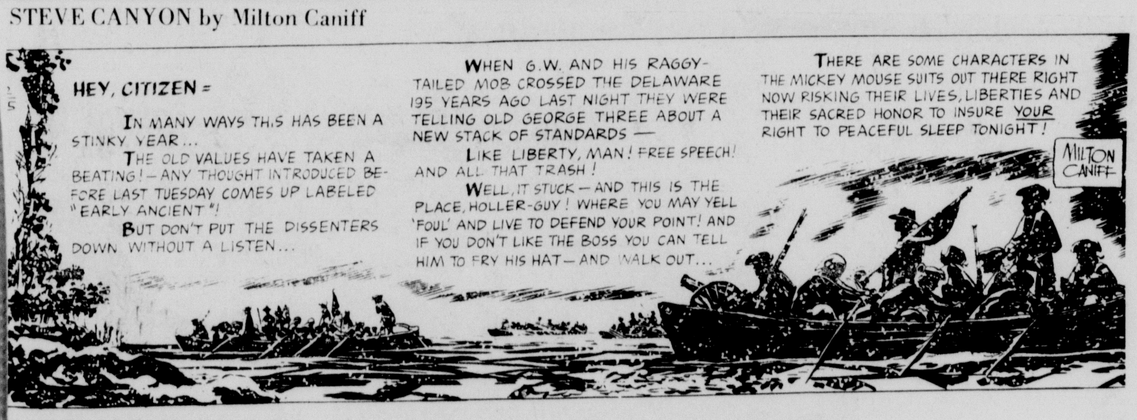
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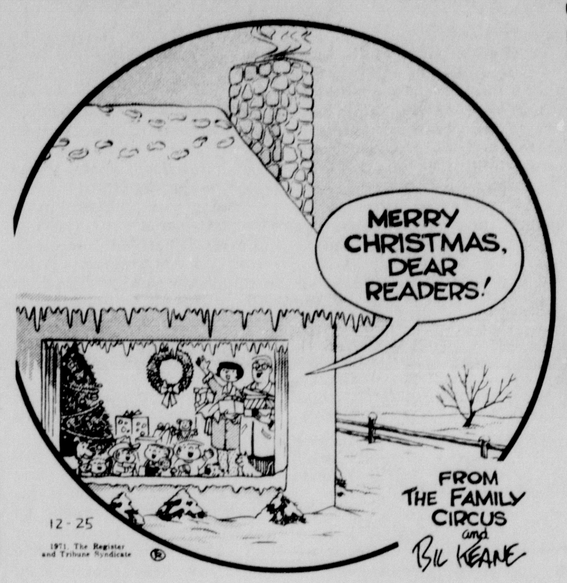
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"Meet my daughter, the future CANDIDATE for president . . . your son, the 'future president,' will have to beat her in the election!"



"HEY, COME BACK HERE!"

Merry Christmas!

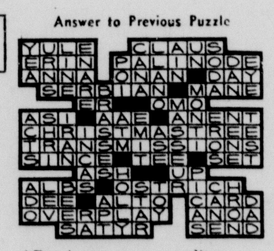
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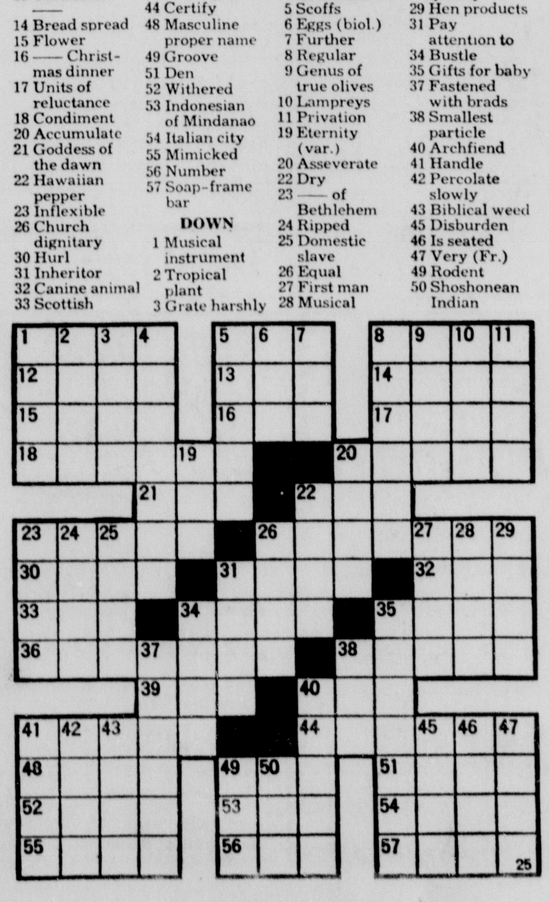
1 "—— the herald angels sing"
5 "—— to the world"
8 "The First ——"
12 Winglike parts
13 Christmas ——
14 Bread spread
15 Flower
16 —— Christmas dinner
17 Units of reluctance
18 Condiment
20 Accumulate
21 Goddess of the dawn
22 Hawaiian pepper
23 Inflexible
26 Church dignitary
30 Hurl
31 Inheritor
32 Canine animal
33 Scottish alder tree
34 Plant ovule
35 Sounded, as a bell
36 Penetrate anew
38 Son of Zebedee (Bib.)
39 Assist
40 Drunkard
41 Moving
44 Certify
48 Masculine proper name
49 Groove
51 Den
52 Withered
53 Indonesian of Mindanao
54 Italian city
55 Mimicked
56 Number
57 Soap-frame bar

DOWN

1 Musical instrument
2 Tropical plant
3 Grate harshly
4 Retainers
5 Scoffs
6 Eggs (biol.)
7 Further
8 Regular
9 Genus of true olives
10 Lampreys
11 Privation
19 Eternity (var.)
20 Asseverate
22 Dry
23 —— of Bethlehem
24 Ripped
25 Domestic slave
26 Equal
27 First man
28 Musical quality
29 Hen products
31 Pay attention to
34 Bustle
35 Gifts for baby
37 Fastened with brads
38 Smallest particle
40 Archfiend
41 Handle
42 Percolate slowly
43 Biblical weed
45 Disburden
46 Is seated
47 Very (Fr.)
49 Rodent
50 Shoshonean Indian

Answer to Previous Puzzle





They'll Do It Every Time



Today In U.S. History

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 25, the 359th day of 1971. There are six days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1776, George Washington's troops began to cross the Delaware River to attack Hessian forces encamped at Trenton, N.J.

On this date:

In 1642, the English mathematician who discovered the law of gravity, Sir Isaac Newton, was born.

In 1786, a farmer revolt in Massachusetts known as "Shays Rebelion" began.

In 1818, the Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night" was sung for the first time, in the Austrian village of Oberndorff.

In 1821, the woman who founded the American Red Cross, Clara Barton, was born in Oxford, Mass.

In 1936, mutinous war lords in China released Chiang Kaishek after kidnaping him and holding him 12 days.

In 1941, in the early days of the Pacific war, Japan announced the surrender of the British garrison at Hong Kong.

Ten years ago: Joseph P. Kennedy was reported recovering from pneumonia after undergoing an operation to relieve congestion.

Five years ago: Scattered fighting marred a Christmas truce in South Vietnam.

One year ao: There was an effective Christmas truce in Vietnam, and it was disclosed that the weekly toll of Americans killed was the lowest in five years.

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1 Your	31 Good	61 Check
2 Spend	32 Won't	62 Someone
3 Judgment	33 Downhearted	63 Receipts
4 Today	34 News	64 Enduring
5 You	35 If	65 Can
6 Is	36 Make	66 In
7 Can	37 Vibrations	67 Slights
8 Start	38 So	68 And
9 Accent's	39 And	69 You
10 On	40 Reviewing	70 In
11 Practicing	41 Clean	71 Friendships
12 Don't	42 Don't	72 Renew
13 Achieve	43 New	73 Attempt
14 Don't	44 Out	74 The
15 Today's	45 And	75 Impossible
16 Lack	46 Put	76 Oldtime
17 Good	47 Much	77 Potentials
18 Trust	48 Closets	78 Ties
19 Be	49 You	79 Splurge
20 Your	50 Headway	80 Ultimate
21 Of	51 Past	81 Affectionate
22 In	52 You	82 Later
23 Be	53 Year	83 Completing
24 Forget	54 Should	84 Mood
25 Sensible	55 Hunches	85 Valued
26 Your	56 Marriage	86 Puzzle
27 Harmonious	57 Friends	87 Goals
28 You	58 Not	88 Affairs
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30 Economy	60 And	90 You

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PRODUCTIVE SCREENING

NEW YORK (AP) — An airport passenger screening system in effect to identify potential hijackers has resulted in the arrest of about 1,500 people during the last year, most of them on charges unrelated to hijacking, say Federal officials.

More than 400 were arrested for possession of illegal drugs or narcotics when officers searched them for weapons. About the same number were arrested as illegal aliens, and at least 300 were arrested for trying to board an airliner with a firearm, which is against Federal law.

The balance were jailed on charges ranging from unlawful flight to avoid persecution to possession of a hand grenade.

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — If you've ever worried about moving a piano, consider the travel history of a massive, hand-carved grand that was contributed by Bertha Lindel to Goodwill.

It first was shipped from Boston to Iowa City, Iowa, where Miss Lindel's mother resided. That was in 1887, and over the next half-decade it followed the music-loving Lindels on their gradual move westward. In a whistle-stop prairie town in South Dakota it was an object of fascination to the Indian population, among them Chief Rain-in-the-Face.

It eventually was brought to California by Miss Lindel, who gave it to Goodwill because of lack of space.

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Soft-Hearted Cop Story Wins Wide Admiration

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — There's still a hefty measure of good will toward men this year, says a Birmingham policeman who received letters from around the world after he used his last $6 to buy groceries for a needy family.

"It makes us feel good to know that there are people who love people in the world. They can't afford to give, but they do," said Officer Harry L. Jones. His generosity toward a desolate family facing a gloomy Christmas touched hearts around the world.

An Associated Press story carried around the world told how Jones had bought the groceries and noted that the act of kindness was not an isolated one but a way of life for the 43year-old patrolman.

More than $3,000 has been sent to Jones, who has turned it over to the Fraternal Order of Police Fund for needy persons. Furniture and enough toys to fill up a spare room in the police station also have been received.

"There's going to be a lot of happy little faces Christmas Day thanks to the big hearts of many people who took time out from their Christmas," Jones said as a broad smile crossed his face and his eyes began to mist.

Letters came from all 50 states and several foreign countries. Some of the senders, not knowing the proper address, glued headlines or copies of the article to the outside of the envelope.

"You can say what you want to about the tinsel, the colored lights and the commercialism of Christmas nowdays, but underneath it all, there's still a lot of love, good will toward men around," Jones said as he shuffled some of the letters.

"This one really touched me," he said, pointing to one obviously from a member of the turned-off generation.

There was a crudely drawn house with a long-haired man waving from a window saying, "Merry Christmas Harry." The text said: "Consider it real when I say you are a real person a real cop." It was signed, "A freak and his old lady who would like to meet you."

A convict wrote from prison in Marion, Ohio:

"Being an inmate in a correctional institution indicates I have no reason to respect a policeman. After learning how you gave comfort and showed compassion toward the poor I realized how wrong I have been in my attitude toward people in your line of work."

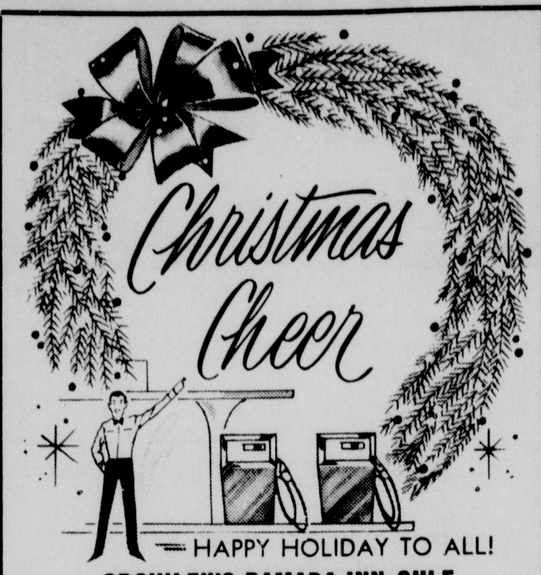
An ex-convict from California inclosed $5 with this note:

"Maybe someday you will find some poor devil who needs a hand and a few bucks right then and you might be broke. Please keep this $5 for then. That newspaper article about you has accomplished more for me than all the preaching and rehabilitation in the world."



THE CHRISTMAS CITY is a title that Nuernberg, West Germany, might justly claim. The ancient city is ablaze with lights during the holiday season and is the setting of the centuries-old Christkindlesmarkt—the Christ Child's Market. Although heavily damaged in World War II, much of Nuernberg's medieval architecture survived or has been reconstructed.

Christmas Cheer



HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL!

CROWLEY'S RAMADA INN GULF

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Cotton Export Cutback May Lead To New Incentives

WASHINGTON (AP) — A quiet move by the Agriculture Department to reduce cotton exports under the Food for Peace program because of dwindling U.S. reserves is raising speculation again that the Nixon administration may have to liberalize government incentives so farmers will grow more next year.

Any drastic change in the 1972 cotton program also could have an important effect on next year's production of other crops, particularly soybeans which also are in tight supply.

The Export Marketing Service in USDA confirmed Tuesday it notified cotton traders Friday that export commitments have been cut to seven countries by 246,000 bales for the year ending next June 30.

A spokesman said the tight supply of cotton available to U.S. mills was among the reasons for reducing aid shipments under Public Law 480, the Food for Peace program.

Producers this year raised about 10.5 million bales, not enough to fill domestic and export demand. Thus, a further reduction in carryover reserves is signalled next year. The department announced the 1972 cotton "set-aside" program last October, virtually the same as for this year.

Sources have said, however, that if demand remains high and supplies tight, the department might consider modifying the program so farmers might be encouraged to plant more next spring.

The department has announced a much tighter feed grain program for 1972 in hopes of reducing production of corn and other feed. Soybeans, however, are expected to continue in high demand.

Although soybeans are biggest in the Corn Belt, they also are important inthe southern cotton areas. Thus, one of the decisions facing officials is how to boost cotton production next year without causing harmful ripples of feed grainaand soybeans.

The decision to reduce P.L. 480 cotton shipments was not announced publicly.

Countries affected in the 246,000-bale cutback are India, South Vietnam, Ghana, Taiwan, Thailand, Cambodia and Guinea, a spokesman said.

What's The Law?

Affair Not Accident

By Jack Strauss, L.L.B.

George's conscience was a poor, if not a disasterous, guide. After carrying on with his best friend's wife for several torrid months, his conscience go the better of him and he decided to confess all to none other than his best friend.

As fate would have it, his best friend took a dim view of the affair and shot poor George right in the middle of his confession. His funeral followed several days later as did his widow's application to collect for George's death under an accident policy.

"Lady," she was told. "There was nothing accidental about your husband's death. He was shot intentionally. In fact, under the circumstances, it would have been more of an accident if he didn't get shot. You just don't teil another guy you've been running around with his wife and expect nothing to happen."

"That's not so," responded George's widwo. "An accident is an unforeseen event. And, believe me, I knew George. While he may have been stupid, he wasn't crazy. If he thought he was going to get shot, he would have kept his mouth closed. Therefore, his getting shot was an unforseen event and an accident.

JOY at CHRISTMAS



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Morley

Birthday greetings and best wishes goes to Carol Matthews and Bob Carrow.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arnold a Happy Anniversary.

The regular meeting of the Morley Study Club was held Friday in the home of Mrs. Elva Bryant. Members present were Louise Matthews, Dimple Carter, Irene Matthews, Isabelle Gadberry, Barbra Held, Nina Dye, Mamie Foister, Gladys Cummins, Ora Dean Pringle, Iva Bugg and Mrs. Sam Branson.

Mr. Bill Ballard showed slides of Jerusalem. The group had their gift exchange.

Mrs. Louise Matthews and Mrs. Linda McDonough attended the Charleston O.E.S. Installation of officers Friday night.

The Past Officers of the O.E.S. held their regular Christmas party in the Morley Masonic Temple Wednesday Evening.

Wednesday morning Rev. and Mrs. Samuel McClellan, David, Dale and Daniel left Morley for northwest Missouri Wednesday night was spent at St. Joseph with Mrs. McClellan's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waller and family. Thursday they attended the funeral of Mrs. Bertie McClellan, mother of Samuel McClellan, at Stanberry. Thursday night was spent with Mrs. McClellan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Fish of Hatfield. Other family members visiting in the Fish home at this time was another daughter and family; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Kelley and family of Davis City, Iowa. The McClellans returned to their Morley home Saturday evening.

The Christmas Party held Saturday night was attended by a large crowd. The Sing-out Group from Scott Central sang Christmas Carols, Santa came with treats for the children and refreshments were served.

The Morley Activity (Senior Citizens, sponsored by D.A.E.O.C.) gave $15.00 on the Community Tree decorations and treats. The club also fixed treats for the elderly.



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Winnie Ruth Judd Freed From Prison

FLORENCE, Ariz. (AP) — The large, iron gates of the Arizona State Prison swung open Wednesday and Winnie Ruth Judd, the convicted trunk murderess of the 1930s, walked away a free woman.

Mrs. Judd, now a small, graying woman of 67, was quickly whisked away by members of her family, prison official said, presumably to California to begin serving her parole there.

Her freedom came less than 24 hours after strict conditions for her parole were approved and forwarded to California authorities.

The Arizona Board of Pardons and Paroles voted unanimously last month to parole Mrs. Judd, who was returned to prison two years ago following her seventh and final escape from Arizona authorities. She had been free for about seven years.

Mrs. Judd was charged nearly four decades ago with chopping up the bodies of two companions and shipping them in a trunk to Los Angeles. She was convicted of one murder, but never tried on the second charge.

MUNICH (AP) — Julius Cardinal Doepfner, archbishop of Munich and Freising, has accepted an invitation to visit Poland sometime in 1972.

The Cardinal, chairman of the German Bishops Conference, was invited by the Polish bishops at the Rome ceremony in which Pope Paul VI blessed Padre Maximilian Kolbe, the Polish priest who perished in Auschwitz.

Classics Provide Yule Melodies

In this century, hymns and carols of the Nativity have been composed by Peter Warlock ("Bethlehem Down") and Gustav Holst ("Mid-Winter") — among others.

Often, hymns and carols have been set to the music of classic composers.

One example is, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," by Nahum Tate. Music for this came from Handel's opera, "Siroe," as adapted by Richard Storrs Willis.

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A—Flyweight.

Q—What is the rate of reproduction of the California condor?

A—A condor does not breed until it is six years old and lays only one egg every two years.

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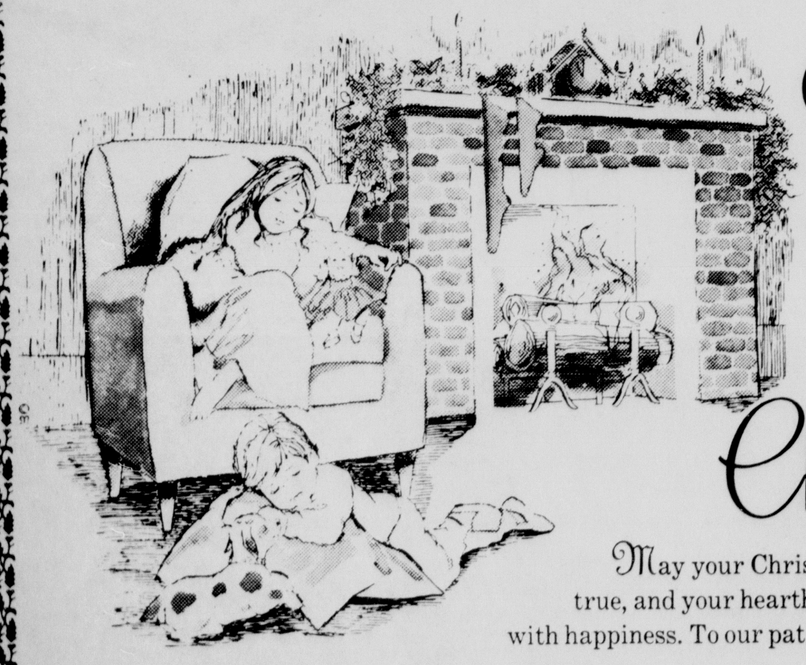
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Iconography? It's Part Of Today

The ancient Byzantine art of iconography is a contemporary art, too, and very much a part of today.

So declares John Papaspiliopoulos, leading iconographer and owner-creator of the Byzantine Icons Studio, New York.

He points out that the turn of the century Art Nouveau technique, which has influenced much contemporary art, is related to Byzantine religious art. A non-realistic use of color and flattening of perspective are typical.

As an iconographer, Mr. Papaspiliopoulos leads the development of a "Byzantine art of the 20th century."

Assisted by the artists of his studio, he has decorated some 30 churches in the United States. In his native Greece, he has decorated 19 Athens churches.

Like Byzantine artists of centuries past, Mr. Papaspiliopoulos works with traditionally authentic egg tempera. He makes his own tempera from egg, vinegar and ammonia. To this emulsion, coloring agents are added.

He makes extensive use of gold leaf, another traditional element in Byzantine art. His work shows his own personal touch but always follows the pure Byzantine style.

Legend, Lore Of Holiday Takes Varied Forms

The belief that Santa has a reindeer-drawn sleigh and enters homes through the chimney may have come from Scandinavia. An old Norse legend about the goddess Hertha said that she rode on a reindeer's back.

Her appearance in the fireplace in mid-winter was thought to bring good luck to the home.

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"Silent Night, Holy Night" was written in 1818 by a village priest in Hallein, Austria. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the words, to an accompaniment created by his organist, Franz Gruber.

Legend has it that the church organ was out of order — damaged by mice — and so "Silent Night" was first sung to a guitar accompaniment.

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Who invented that popular holiday beverage, eggnog? It has been part of the festivities for so many years that nobody really knows its origin.

One possibility is that eggnog came from the Old English hot drink, sack-posset, which was also made of eggs, milk, nutmeg and sugar.

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Among the earliest Christmas tree ornaments were some that resembled the sun, stars and moon, or animals.

Using signs of nature as decorations can be traced back to the feasts of the winter equinox, when sun-worshipping pagans hung similar trinkets on trees.

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"The cattle were lowing," says the carol, "Away in a Manger," and Nativity paintings often show the animals of the manger.

Appropriately, tradition says that cattle and other domestic animals should have a special feast on Christmas Eve. It's legendary, too, that cattle are given the power of speech for a few moments at this time.

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Mistletoe, said to hold a license for kissing, was renowned in ancient times for many mystical powers. Because of its pagan associations, it was long forbidden in churches.

A German legend held that, if a sprig of mistletoe was carried into an old house, the ghosts of the house would appear and answer questions.

Decorating with Cards Can Be Yule Project

When children need a change from the toys on Christmas day, a promising project could be to let them see what they can do with the family greeting cards.

Here are some suggestions from Jeannette Lee, art director for Hallmark.

Tape or staple cards to lengths of ribbon and hang them on walls or doors.

Make a Christmas wreath by attaching cards to a circle of cardboard.

"Frame" cards with construction paper.

Decorate a screen with cards.

ABOUT WISE MEN

Except for the words of St. Matthew, legend accounts for the little that is known about the wise men. One of the legends says that the star appeared to them once more, near the end of their lives.



Greetings

Here's to a very Merry Christmas full of peace and happiness.

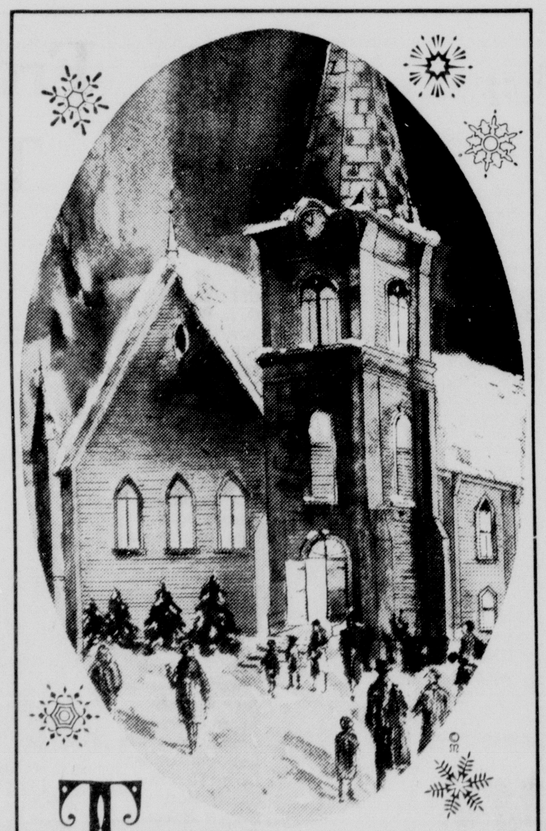
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Telling Story Of Nativity

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:15-16.

As even little children know, the words of St. Luke tell the story of the Miracle in a manger. Shepherds watching in the fields, herald angels singing — these things Christians can picture today because of St. Luke, the physician who became Christ's disciple.

Traditionally, St. Luke did still more to preserve the spiritual treasures of the Christmas story. He literally pictured the Madonna.

According to this tradition, St. Luke was an iconographer as well as a physician, and as such he created the first image of the Madonna, a painting that became the guide for many icons in later centuries.

As legend has it, St. Luke's icon of the Madonna and his other paintings were the forerunners of the style of artistic expression known as Byzantine art.

Oppressed and suppressed in some eras, Byzantine religious art has so original and distinctive a style that it returned again and again, to thrive throughout 12 centuries. Today, it is enjoying a rebirth, through the efforts of dedicated iconographers.

Showing Images

Iconography is a system for representing Christian subjects by means of pictures or images. Originally, the term meant "portrayal," and applied especially to panels portraying the figure of Christ, the Madonna, a saint or some scene from the Bible, according to the Grolier Book of Art.

In the Greek Orthodox Church icon technically means a movable religious painting. However, iconography often refers, more broadly, to wall paintings and mosaics as well as portable icons.

Going Iconoclastic

The art of the Byzantine — or Eastern Roman — empire first flourished under the rule of Justinian, in the 6th century A.D.

But trouble loomed ahead. When Emperor Leo III came to power, he brought with him a deep hatred of all images, especially icons, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

As an Iconoclast — hater of icons — Leo forbade the creation of religious figures and images, and the Iconoclastic Age began in 726.

Paintings on church walls were whitewashed, ivories and mosaics removed, countless works of art destroyed.

Comics Get Help

When icons returned to favor in the 9th century, the Iconoclastic Age had been responsible for the loss of much religious art — but it had some benefits.

Secular art gained by it, as artists of the monastic schools began to work under the patronage of the nobility.

Even modern comic strips owe something to the Iconoclasts. The monastic artists who turned to secular work brought with them the Byzantine method of telling a story through a continuous series of drawings.

Symbolism Rules

Surviving wars, crusades and conquests, Byzantine art flourished till the middle of the 15th century.

Over the years, Byzantine artists influenced others, but were rarely influenced by others. Though the early Renaissance brought realism, the colorful, decorative and formal qualities of the Byzantine style remained virtually unchanged.

In Byzantine art, highly stylized figures appear, with little or no three-dimensional effect. Gold backgrounds suggest almost no sense of space.

Familiar scenes such as the Nativity show painted figures that are allegorical, mystical, symbolic — but never realistic in color or form.

For believers of the Greek Orthodox faith and other Eastern churches, the symbolic nature of Byzantine art has a deep religious significance.

Considered solely as an art form, the Byzantine technique is renowned for its beauty and decorative character. In its symbolic approach, this ancient art is closer to the art of today than the representational works of more recent centuries.

There's Inspiration

As in all forms of art, the story of the Nativity has been a source of inspiration to iconographers through the ages.

The Madonna and Child have long been favorite subjects for icons, while Byzantine triptychs often showed Christ, Mary His Mother and John the Baptist.

Other early iconographers turned to St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, as a subject worthy of attention. The good bishop is known in legend as the forefather of Santa Claus.

Holiday Blends Many Customs

"Anybody found feasting or observing Christmas day in any way shall pay a fine of five shillings."

And so, throughout New England Pilgrim settlers had to treat Christmas as just another working day. Governor Bradford noted that "no man rested all day" on December 25, 1620, say the editors of Encyclopedia Americana.

Today, in the United States and Canada, Christmas celebrations are a colorful blend of customs from many lands. The main features of the holiday festivities are much the same everywhere—Santa Claus, Christmas trees, gifts, greetings, feasting, family visits, carol singing.

Each of these customs has its own history, and for the student of holiday lore and legend, the fascination lies in the variety of traditions brought by settlers from other lands and assimilated into what is now a truly American, or truly Canadian Christmas.

Displaying Tree

The custom of the Community Christmas Tree began in the early 1900's with the people of Pasadena, Calif., who decorated a tall evergreen on Mount Wilson with lights and tinsel.

Madison Square in New York and the Common in Boston were the scene of trees set up in 1912. In 1914 Independence Square in Philadelphia had its first holiday tree.

Around each of these trees choirs gathered and sang carols.

The custom of lighting the National Community Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. began in 1923 when the University of Vermont sent a large tree to President Calvin Coolidge.

Add Special Touch

In Quebec, customs from France lend their special touch to a Canadian Christmas.

France gave Canada the "creche," gatherings after midnight Mass with family and friends, savory pork pies called "tourtieres," collecting gifts from door to door for the less privileged persons of the community.

After mass on Christmas Eve, the people of Quebec gather at homes of loved ones to participate in a night-long feast called "réveillon."

Performing Pageant

From Germany came the Nativity pageant, and the first play of this sort in the U.S. was performed at the German Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity in Boston, in 1851. Children dressed as Oriental shepherds offered gifts to the Christ Child at the altar, singing carols at the same time. The gifts were later distributed to the poor of the parish.

Play Delights

A hybrid Spanish-Indian play, called "Los Pastores," introduced by Spanish monks, may still take place in the backyards of San Antonio, Tex., at Christmastime. With no props, curtains and a cast of amateurs, it yearly delights with its spiritual innovations.



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Paintings Show Sacred Message Lives Anew

YESTERDAY AND TODAY. Byzantine icons tell the Christmas story. Like that sacred story, the style of Byzantine art is unchanging through the centuries, as these paintings illustrate.

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BYZANTINE ART of yesteryear appears in the painting (far left), "Virgin and Child Enthroned with Angels." By an unknown Byzantine painter, it is executed in tempera on wood, with a gold ground. From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Lizzie Bliss, 1931.

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NATIVITY SCENE (near left) shows how iconography continues the ancient Byzantine style, with symbolic feeling. The Madonna and Child are central figures, Joseph and a shepherd appear at the left and the manger is shown, with historical accuracy, as a cave in a rocky hillside. This icon is the work of John Papaspiliopoulos of the Byzantine Icons Studio.

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PAST AND PRESENT meet as artists turn to a beloved subject, the Madonna and Child. Out of the past comes the painting at top left. In a Byzantine style, it's by an unknown Russian painter in tempera on wood and is inscribed in Slavonic, "Our Lady of Kaza." (From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, gift of Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, 1933). How the Byzantine style continues today is shown in the icon at top right, created in tempera by the contemporary iconographer, John Papaspiliopoulos.





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Manger Is Theme Of Latin Yule

Though Santa and gaily decked trees often appear nowadays in Central and South America, Christmas is traditionally a time for religious observances.

Mass, at midnight on Christmas Eve or early Christmas Day, forms the heart of the holiday in Latin America, and the creche or manger scene marks the season throughout churches and homes, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

Bountiful feasts, processions and other special events may provide a festive note, but custom says that gift-giving time is Three Kings' Day — Twelfth Night, January 6th, when the Wise Men brought their gifts to Jesus.

Children put their shoes under the bed or in the window, hoping to have them filled with toys and gifts. Water and hay are set out for the Three Kings' horses or camels.

While many Latin American countries share these traditions and celebrate Christmas in similar ways, each country also has its own special festivities.

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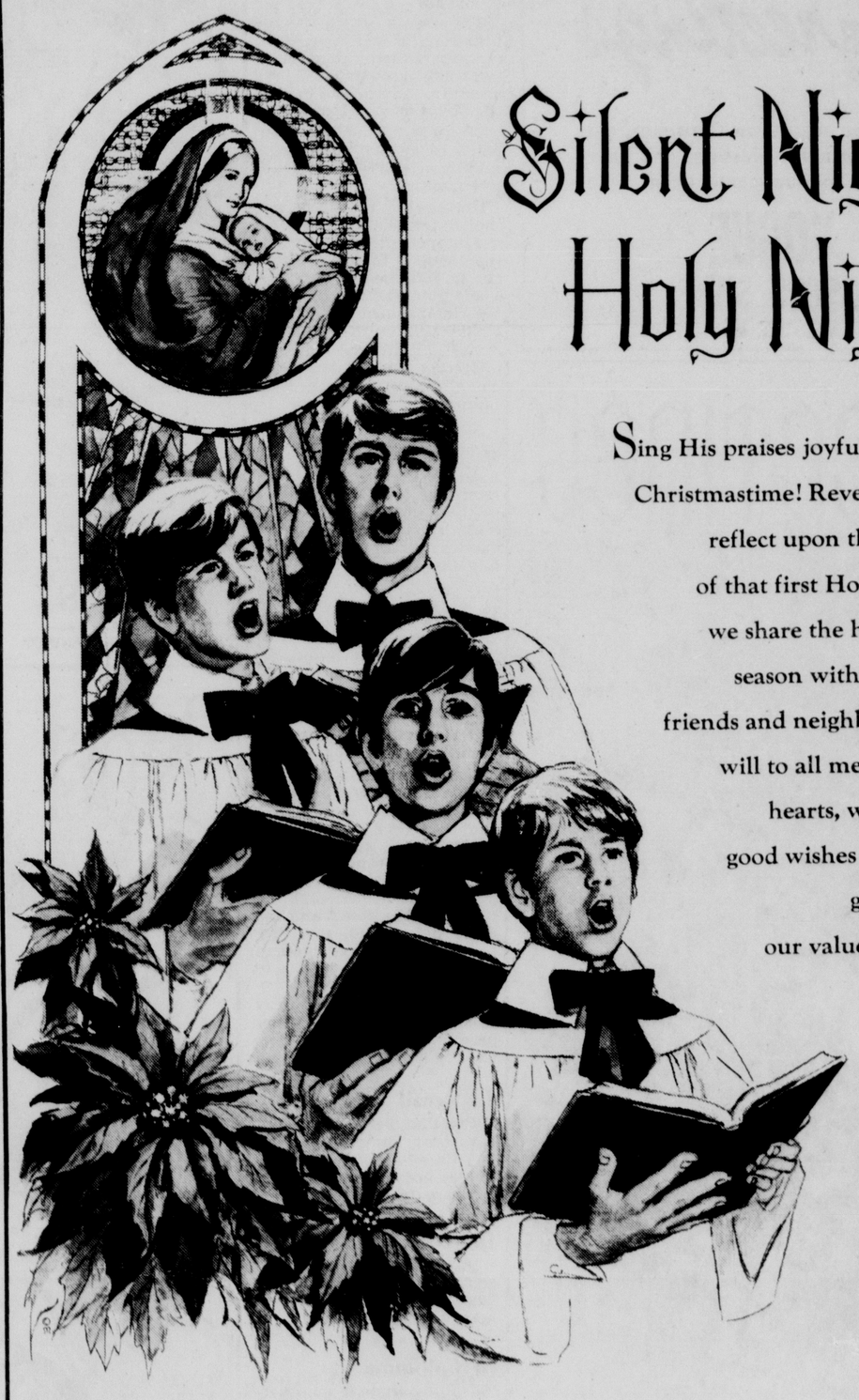
In Venezuela

Hallaca, a native Venezuelan dish, is an awaited delicacy during the Christmas season. It is made of corn meal with pork and chicken stuffing and numerous other ingredients, and then wrapped in plantain leaves to form a type of pie.

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In Argentina

It's a mid-summer Christmas in Argentina, and the traditional feast is generally served outdoors. Rosebuds and jasmine deck the table which has as edible centerpiece a whole roast suckling pig.



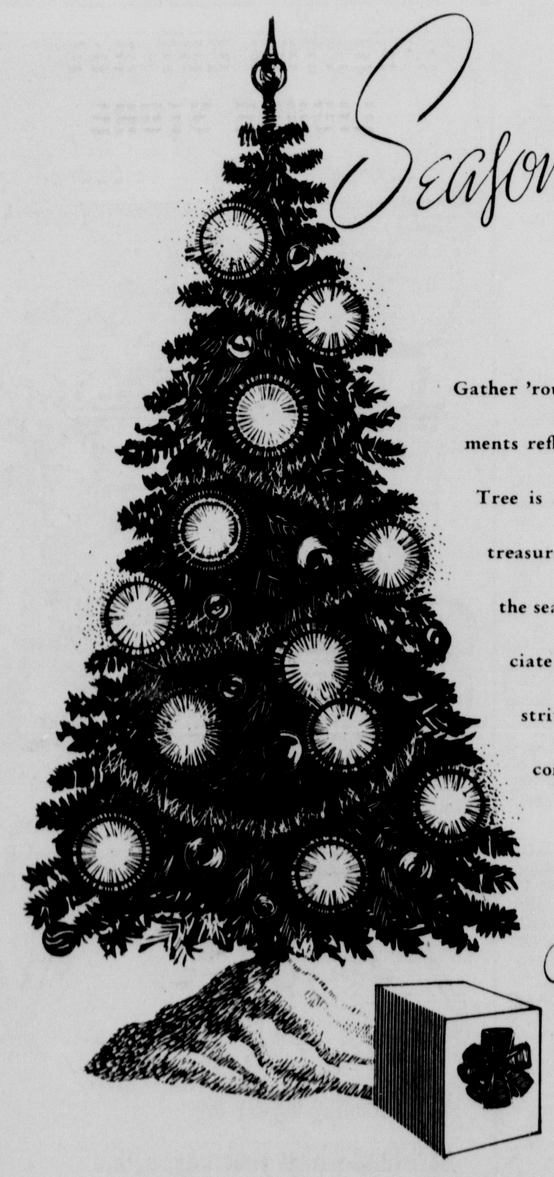
Silent Night, Holy Night

Sing His praises joyfully for it is Christmastime! Reverently, we reflect upon the wonder of that first Holy night as we share the hope of the season with our many friends and neighbors. Good will to all men is in our hearts, with special good wishes and warm gratitude to our valued patrons.

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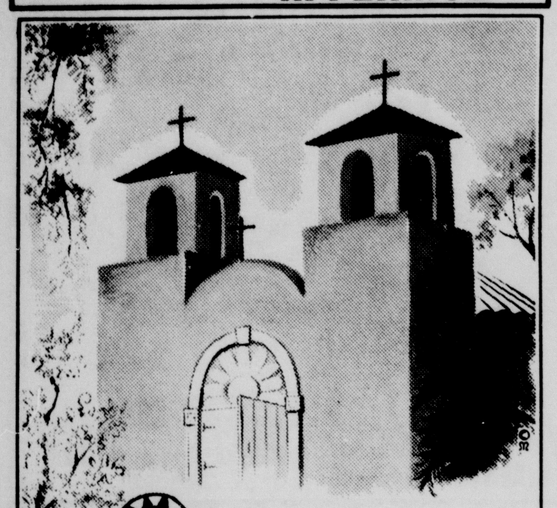
East meets West in gift-exchanging customs. Japanese exchange "Oseibo," or year end-gifts, beginning about mid-December.



Here comes Santa Claus! Hope his pack is brimming with lots of good things for you and your family and friends.

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Piñata Fun Gets Break

A joyous Christmas tradition for Mexican boys and girls is the breaking of the piñata, a decorated earthen jar.

Sometimes, the piñata may be a caricature of people or animals.

The piñata is suspended by a rope that can raise or lower it. Each child is blindfolded and usually given three chances to poke at the piñata with a stick.

When it's broken, the piñata releases a bounty of delicious fruits, sweets, nuts and toys.

The children scrabble to claim as many goodies as possible.

Wreaths Got Pagan Start

During this holiday season, a wide variety of colorful wreaths deck the doorways of homes in this community.

The use of wreaths at holiday time stems from the customs of Advent season — the four Sundays before Christmas. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are made of evergreens, trimmed with ribbons, and hold four candles to be lit during the Sundays of Advent.

The wreath, which has no beginning or end, represents eternity, and the evergreens symbolize growth and life, according to the editors of the New Book of Knowledge.

Like many other Christian holiday customs, the Advent wreath originated in pagan ceremonies.

During the dark days of the winter solstice, the sun-worshippers of northern Europe sought to please their absent god, the sun, and persuade him to return, by using a wheel trimmed with greenery.

The wreath was made of an actual wheel, taken from a cart and wrapped in greens. Lights, too, were added.

In Guatemala

An ancient custom in Guatemala is to "light the road to Bethlehem" by placing lanterns in windows and doorways for nine nights before Christmas.

In Panama

Children in Panama participate in midnight mass on Christmas Eve by caroling to an accompaniment of castanets and tamborines.

Tiny Treasure Hunt

The simplest searching game is one in which one person leaves the room while another hides a small object that has been agreed upon beforehand — a small package, some wrapped Christmas candy.

When "it" comes back, he hunts for the object and the other person indicates that he is near it by clapping loudly or saying, "You're warm."

When "it" moves away from the object, the other person claps softly or says, "You're getting cold."

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In Brazil

Brazilian lore and legend says that Three King's Day is a time for poetry contests. Verses accompanied by guitars are featured.

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In Chile

Unique among Christmas customs in Chile is a grand fiesta that centers around horse racing.

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In Colombia

People parade in masquerade on Christmas Eve in Colombia. Each masquerader tries to guess the identity of others. When someone guesses correctly, he can claim a small gift from the person who was "unmasked."

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In Peru

Toro! In Lima, Peru, Christmas day is not exclusively a church holiday, because it also marks the greatest bullfight of the year.

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In Costa Rica

In the island country of Costa Rica, "portals" are set up in homes. These are elaborate Nativity scenes sometimes filling an entire room.

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Let every heart rejoice in the spiritual blessings and inspiration of the season. And may great joy be yours at this most happy, holy time.

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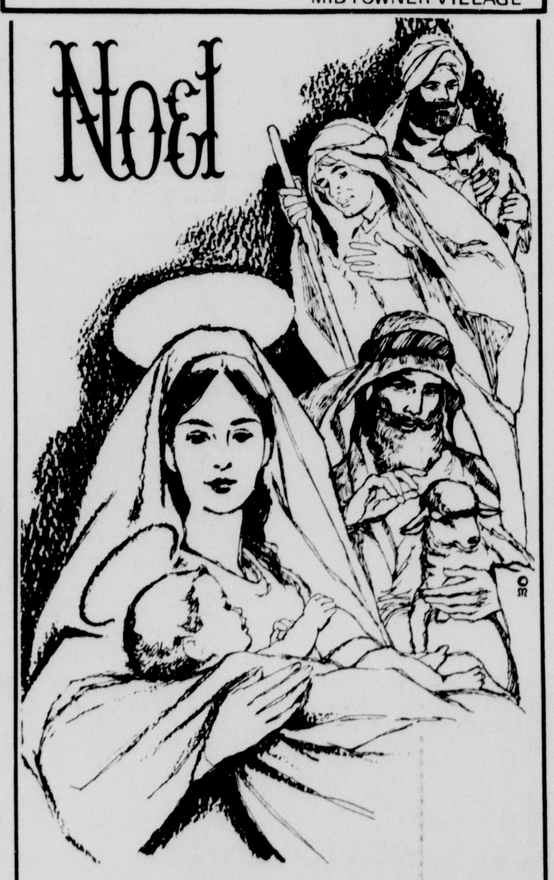


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Smiling Spirit Of Christmas Enters Now

Everywhere, There Is Fellowship, With Faith, Feasting, Fun

By ANNA MANG

Christmas is: A time for sharing and surprises, a time for magic and merriment, and a time to say, "Glad greetings, one and all."

Christmas is: The season of song and celebration, the season of little children and love and laughter, and the season of worship and rejoicing.

Christmas is: For fellowship and feasting, for family and friends, for home and happiness. But Christmas, too, is for remembering the stranger within the gates, for cheering the lonely, comforting the sorrowful, befriending the needy.

Christmas is: For everyone — for those of Christian faith who celebrate the Day as a holy time of highest importance, and for those of other faiths, who love and observe the Yuletide as a holiday dedicated to good will and good cheer.

Best of all, Christmas is: Here! Throughout this community, plans and preparations reach their peak. Every joyous surprise is at the point of revelation. The tree lights go on, the carols ring out, the gaily-wrapped gifts are delivered.

With gleeful smiles, the children welcome Santa's bounty, while the grown-ups greet one another, and talk and laugh and even shed a happy tear or two, rejoicing in the deep and tender meaning of the Christmas spirit.

If there was a bit of hustle — and even some hassle — about the getting-ready process, all is now forgotten in the glow and glory of Christmas. The quickened pace of modern living seems to make it almost impossible to prepare for the holiday without setting, at times, a somewhat hectic pace.

Be that as it may, the glad, true spirit of the season inspires this Christmas planning, and Christmas realities, in all their wonder and warmth, more than make up for the pre-holiday hurry and scurry.

It's Traditional

The tree may be aluminum instead of spruce or fir. Santa may arrive by helicopter instead of reindeer-drawn sleigh. And the children's gifts will probably reflect the space age and the wonders of electronics.

No matter. However modern the celebration of Christmas may seem to be, its spirit is still old-fashioned, and though customs may appear in contemporary guise, they are still the cherished traditions from the past.

These treasured customs are the heart of Christmas, growing dearer year by year, as memories of "what we did last Christmas" add to every family's own special, traditional way of celebrating Christmas.

Naming Santa

Santa Claus is a tradition — a pleasant one, indeed. And, traditionally, he owes his name to a gift-giver of the past.

St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop who became the patron saint of children, was noted for his generosity. His Dutch name was "Sinter Niklass," which gradually changed to Santa Claus.

Even today, Santa is also known as "St. Nick."

Sending Greetings

"We wish you a merry Christmas."

Perhaps the most enduring of holiday traditions is that of exchanging greetings.

Christmas cards are a relatively new part of a holiday that has been celebrated for centuries. In fact, this year marks only the 95th anniversary of Christmas cards in America.

But the custom of greeting friends and neighbors and wishing them good cheer is as old as the holiday season itself.

Today brings a special kind of "Christmas card." This edition of this newspaper is a community greeting card, with special greetings from businessmen of the community who offer their good wishes and their appreciation to all.

Where Tree Grew

The first Christmas tree was a palm from Egypt. Or it was a huge tree in a forest, symbolic of mankind. Or it was the Paradise Tree of medieval miracle plays.

Though holiday legend and lore offers many an explanation for the origin of the Christmas tree, nobody knows for sure exactly when and where the first decorated tree appeared.

And who cares? It's fun to hear the legends of the past, with all their mystery and magic, but the thing that matters most is that the tradition of the tree is here, adding joy to Christmas.

What Are the Facts About Christmas?

Everybody thinks that space travel is something very new, but an elderly gentleman in a rather unique "space-suit" set the pace years ago. His name: Santa Claus.

Now is the season when he's taking off again, for it's Christmas.

How much do you know about Christmas and Santa Claus? Here are some questions, developed with the help of the editors of the Encyclopedia International, to test your knowledge. The answers are at the bottom.

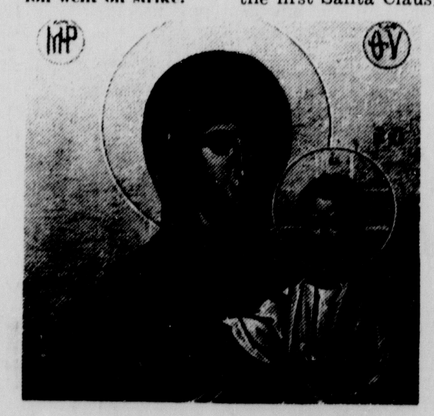
1. The first known Christmas card was designed in 1843 by an Englishman named:
   (A) Charles Dickens
   (B) Sir Henry Cole
   (C) John Calcott Horsley
2. The first Christian Nativity feast, celebrating the birth of Christ, occurred in the fourth century on:
   (A) January 6
   (B) July 4
   (C) December 25
3. Christmas did not become a legal holiday in the U.S. until:
   (A) The Puritans arrived in New England
   (B) 1856
   (C) Santa's Helpers Union went on strike.

1. (C) is correct. Artist Horsley designed the first known Christmas greeting card for his friend, Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman. Charles Dickens had his share in Christmas 1843, too. His book, "A Christmas Carol," was published that year.

2. (A) is correct. At first, January 6, the Epiphany, was observed as the feast of Jesus' baptism, with a secondary emphasis on His birth. It was not until the 5th century A.D. that Christmas was generally celebrated on December 25.

3. (B) is correct. New England states outlawed the celebration of Christmas until the middle of the 19th century.

4. (C) is correct. Kris Kringle is the German name for Santa, while Clement C. Moore contributed to the image of Santa Claus with his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," in 1823. St. Nicholas was a real person, a fourth century bishop, and the first Santa Claus.



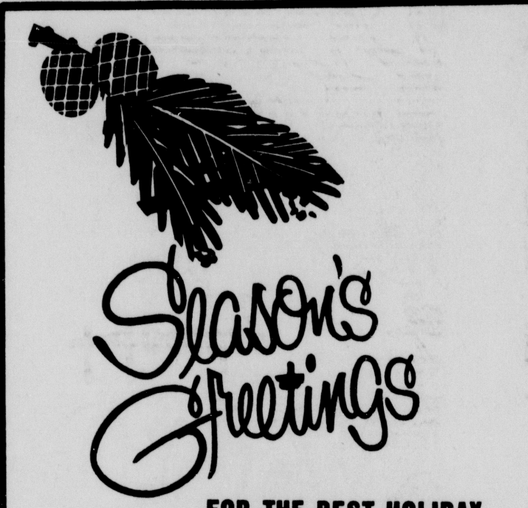


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Rank	Circulation*	Rank	Circulation*
1 Reader's Digest	17,930	41 Scouting	1,342
2 TV Guide	15,419	42 Today's Education	1,330
3 Life	8,510	43 Cosmopolitan	1,325
4 Better Homes & Gardens	7,967	44 Argosy	1,311
5 McCall's	7,913	45 Ebony	1,224
6 Woman's Day	7,600	46 Newstime	1,219
7 Look	7,369	47 Esquire	1,200
8 Family Circle	7,302	48 Grit	1,180
9 Ladies' Home Journal	6,969	49 Progressive Farmer	1,161
10 National Geographic	6,869	50 TV Radio Mirror	1,114
11 Good Housekeeping	5,804	51 Holiday	1,109
12 Playboy	5,551	52 Columbia	1,053
13 Redbook	4,685	53 House & Garden	1,042
14 Time	4,259	54 Successful Farming	1,020
15 American Home	3,676	55 Sunset	972
16 Senior Scholastic Unit	2,800	56 Signature	963
17 American Legion	2,663	57 Ingenue	960
18 Newsweek	2,597	58 Co-ed	885
19 Farm Journal	2,499	59 Modern Screen	885
20 True Story	2,484	60 Nation's Business	865
21 Boy's Life	2,258	61 American Girl	854
22 Parents' Magazine	2,115	62 House Beautiful	833
23 True	2,089	63 Hot Rod	819
24 Sports Illustrated	2,031	64 'Teen	780
25 National Enquirer	1,952	65 Modern Romances	765
26 U.S. News & World Report	1,889	66 Simplicity Fashion Mag.	721
27 Junior Scholastic Unit	1,782	67 Presbyterian Life	706
28 Outdoor Life	1,767	68 Business Week	677
29 Field & Stream	1,667	69 Mademoiselle	671
30 Popular Mechanics	1,666	70 Southern Living	670
31 Popular Science Monthly	1,642	71 Lady's Circle	653
32 V.F.W. Magazine	1,578	72 Motor Trend	652
33 Workbasket	1,550	73 Lion	634
34 Elks Magazine	1,527	74 Forbes	627
35 Mechanix Illustrated	1,500	75 Saturday Review	620
36 Seventeen	1,489	76 Flower & Garden Magazine	619
37 Glamour	1,475	77 Car & Driver	591
38 Photoplay	1,449	78 Fortune	568
39 Sports Afield	1,424	79 Popular Photography	545
40 Sport	1,365	80 Lutheran	542

* Includes general and farm magazine members of the Audit Bureau of Circulations. Groups and comics are not included. Based on average circulation per issue, second six months of 1970.

SOURCE: Magazine Publishing Association, Inc.

Magazine Industry Shake Out

(Editor's Note: LIFE magazine, in an economy move, will cut off 1.5 million of its seven million subscribers on Jan. 14.)

WASHINGTON -- "The expectation of failure is connected with the very name Magazine," Noah Webster wrote almost 200 years ago. The man of spelling - book fame was moved by harsh reality to render judgment on magazine publishing in his day. His American Magazine, like so many others, sprang forth with great hope but soon perished.

Thus a magazine publisher today may be comforted, if only slightly, to know that his problems are not new. But for many of the approximately 750 general - circulation magazines the problems are of a greater magnitude and seem to be worsening. It's not just the scantily funded little publications that feel insecure. Many of the well - established big magazines are fighting to stay solvent. LOOK was unable to do so and folded in October. It was preceded to the graveyard by Saturday Evening Post.

With a few exceptions, today's periodicals face at least three major problems: circulation levels, advertising losses and postal increases. To survive, magazines must rely on their advertising but to attract advertising they must have adequate circulation. However, large circulations can cut into profits since many magazines sell subscriptions for as little as 10 cents a copy. Production costs alone aften average more than 40 cents a copy.

When advertising declines, as it has in the past two years, some magazines are forced to cut their circulation. Since ad rates are pegged to circulation, it is hoped that the lower rates will stimulate more advertising -- perhaps draw some away from television.

When advertisers find they can reach over four times as many consumers with one minute of prime - time television than they can with a full - page magazine ad and pay less for the television commercial, they tend to invest their money in television. According to a study by Business Week magazine, television advertising revenues went from almost zero in 1950 to $3.4 billion in 1969 while magazine ad income grew from $138 million to only $1.2 billion. Four leading advertisers -- Procter & Gamble, General Foods, Bristol -Myers and Colgate - Palmolive -- spent $434 million for television and less than $45 million for magazine advertising last year.

Even more alarming to the magazine industry than circulation and advertising problems are proposed postal - rate increases. Publishers calculate that the cost of mailing magazines will go up 142 per cent over the next five years if the increases are approved. They foresee the average cost of mailing a single copy going up from the present three cents to about seven cents.

American magazines would have to find an additional $130 million to pay for mail service by 1976 -- more than twice their 1970 profits. To survive, many would have to raise both advertising and subscription rates. A recent Magazine Publishers Association study of 54 leading magazines showed that a 50-50 increase in subscription and ad rates could cut magazine profits to less than $7 million a year.

Publishers are looking to a growing number of private postal companies which promise less - expensive delivery. Since postal rates are determined by the distance the magazine is shipped, a number of publishing companies are delivering their magazines by train or bus to closer "entry points" before turning them over to the U.S. Postal Service. Some magazines like Esquire, McCall's and Holiday have tried to cut expenses by reducing the page size to newsmagazine standards. Others are narrowing page margins by a fraction of an inch, using lighter paper, squeezing more words on a page and cheapening the magazine's bindings.

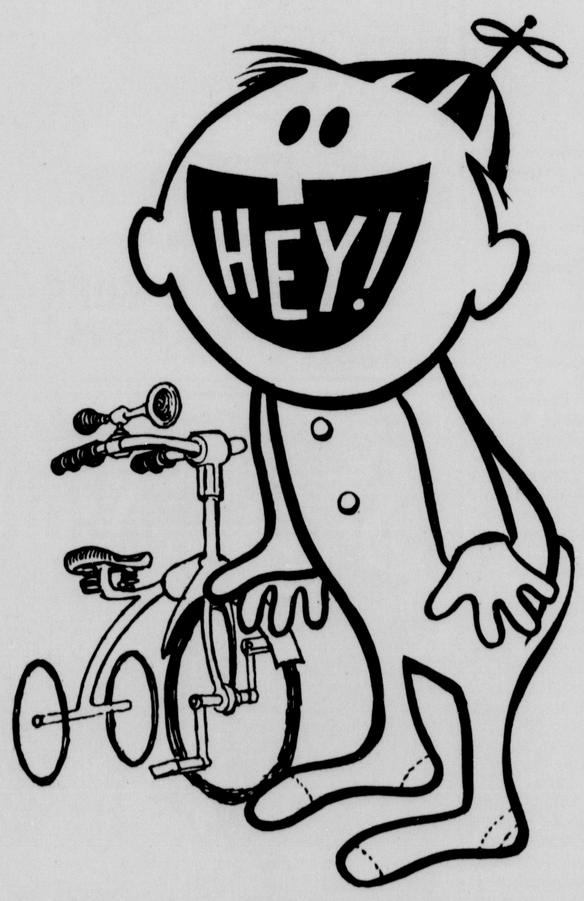
Publications with a special - interest readership have furnished the magazine industry with its success stories in recent years. This group of magazines include Psychology Today, the new Cosmopolitan, Playboy and several city magazines. City magazines are able to concentrate on local issues which national magazines tend to ignore. They also have far lower postal bills than mass - circulation magazines. Many of them are sold primarily on the newsstand.

National magazines increasingly offer advertisers special editioins in specified areas ("zip code editions") or among particular groups ("demographisc editions"). McCall's VIP ZIP edition is said to reach 1.2 million households with median annual incomes of $14,000. Time offers special editions for doctors, educators, college students and businessmen. These innovations have prompted an industry spokesman to say: "There is no such animal as a monolithic mass - circulation magazine. We now have a host of conglomerates of special interest, special -readership publications."

IMPORTED DOLLS

NEW YORK (AP) — Dolls from Poland, Germany, Africa, Lapland, Chile, Mexico, Japan and Australia are included in the yuletime display at the Traphagan School. They are part of the collection obtained by the late Ethel Traphagen Leigh, the school founder.

Antique bells from Persia, East India, Manchuria, Syria, Africa and Bali and New England sleighbells are also being displayed.



IT'S CHRISTMAS

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Letters To Santa

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Santa don't forget Mom and Dad and also my Aunt Bev and Uncle Roger they live in North Pekin, Ill. and won't get to come home this year.

Don't forget the rest of the little boys & girls and also my cousins I have got a lot of them.

P.S. Santa remember Grandpa & Granny Curtis, Grandma Batten and also my Great Grandma Cochran & Hardin, Papa Curtis: I will leave you some milk and cookies. God Gless you and may everyone have a nice Christmas.

Love
Tammy Curtis
Matthews

Washington Report

Senator Symington

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- At this time of year when the desire for universal peace and good will is uppermost in minds and hearts throughout our nation, it is encouraging to note the legislative progress in the area of humanitarian concern within the last few weeks of the first session of the ninety - second Congress.

The Senate passed bills providing for much better coordination of federal programs for the treatment of cancer, sickle cell anemia and drug abuse. We believe each of these measures will have significant impact on combating these problems of nationwide concern.

NATIONAL CANCER AGENCY. The Senate agreed to the Senate - House conference report establishing a National Cancer Agency within the National Institutes of Health to coordinate a unified effort for the conquest of cancer.

This bill authorizes $1.6 billion over a three - year period for a war on cancer. The Director of the National Cancer Agency will have the authority to coordinate ongoing cancer research and treatment programs in federal agencies as well as state and other health agencies. The bill also provides for 15 new centers for research, training and developement of new methods for the fight on cancer.

SICKLE CELL ANEMIA. An authorization of $142 million over a three year period to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare was passed by the Senate for screening, testing and counseling programs to combat sickle cell anemia.

This disease, which has almost exclusively afflicted the black population, was discovered some 60 years ago, but received little attention until recently.

Currently some 45,000 black Americans suffer from the disease. An estimated 80% of the victims die before the age of 30. It has been reported that a possible 2.5 million Americans carry the sickle cell trait that could be passed on to their children.

The National Sickle Cell Anemia Control Act through grant programs will authorize the first extensive federal action against this dread disease.

DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION. The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill establishing a Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention within the White House to provide coordinated planning and policy for all Federal programs in this field.

An annual $40 million authorization was passed to encompass federal programs in the fields of treatment, research, and training, as well as activities of law enforcement agencies and agencies trying to stop the international traffic in drugs.

The House is expected to act on this bill soon after Congress reconvenes.

FACT- FINDING TRIP. At the time you read this Washington Report, I will be on an official tour abroad, visiting diplomatic and military installations in some 16 countries throughout the Far East and Europe. This fact -finding trip is part of my work as a member of the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations committees, including my Chairmanship of the Subcommittees on United States Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad and Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

In the next few weeks, while I am abroad, my Washington Report will summarize some of the legislative action in the session adjourned December 17.

As we spend Christmas in Korea visiting some of our people there, our thoughts and best wishes for the holidays will also be with all Missourians at home.

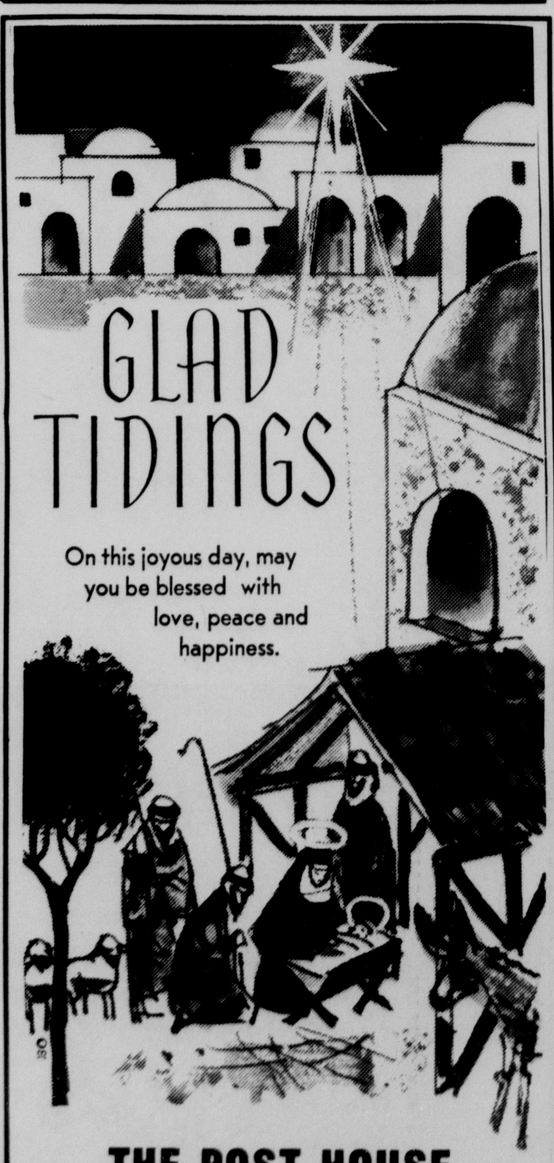
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Risco

RISCO -- Miss Marcie Matlock of Catron was hostess to members of the Risco - New Hope 4-H Clubs Saturday evening for their annual Christmas social.

The group enjoyed a "Christmas Scramble," Riddles, and played "Santa Claus Bingo," during which members won various "white elephant gifts." Pictures were taken by Carroll Montgomery, county youth agent, and snack refreshments were served by Marcie and Mrs. Matlock.

Others attending were Mrs. Louise Lueker, Robin Campbell, Marlene Lueker, Mrs. Carroll Montgomery and Keith, Trella Blades, Mrs. Ike Davis, Curtis snd Charley, Sondra Haddock, TAmmy Hony, Mrs. Paul Cummins, Sr. and Nancy, Mrs. Pansy Crosby, Mrs. Don Landers, Steve, Ted, Brent and Chris, Vanessa Gibbs and Sandra Wilson.

Prior to the party the group went to the home of Mrs. Alice Bean near Gideon, where they presented a brief program of Christmas readings and carols to the eight elderly patients there. Afterwards each member presented a gift to them.

Pleasant View GEneral Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas play, "In My Father's House," at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 23. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The Mt. Zion (Jericho) Baptist Church held their annual Christmas dinner at the dining room Saturday night with approximately 100 in attendance. Lindell Stobaugh gave the invocation preceeding the meal.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. M. Caffey will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, December 26 with open house from 2-5 p.m. at their home one and one - half miles east of Risco. Friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited to attend.

College students of this area who are home for the holiday vacation with their parents are Debbie Blough, Southwest Baptist College, Springfield; Elmer Bond and Randy Terry, Southeast Missouri State Teachers college, Cape Girardeau; Sherry Medlin, John Bunting and Alvin Owens, Southern Baptist, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; Martha Fortner, Bolivar; Jerry Presley and Dale Cummins, Linn Technical; Mike Walker and Dan McCord, Three Rivers, Poplar Bluff.

CW 2 Tommy Story arrived home Saturday night from Vietnam to spend the holidays with his wife, Betty and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Story.

Other guests in the Story home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Littell, Mark and Eric, of Gideon, Mr. and Mrs. William VanPelt Jr. and family, Mrs. Judy Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Evans, all of Cape Girardeau, Mrs. Sallye Littell of Malden and Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Brown of Risco.

The Junior Class of the General Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas party in the church dining room Sunday afternoon with games, refreshments and a gift exchange.

Attending were Keith Byrd, Roger Smelser, John, Shellie, Shirlene and Rhonda Coffer, Mrs. Don Landers and Brent.

Sgt. James A. Williams returned home from Viet Nam Friday, Dec. 3 to visit with his mother, Mrs. Millie Williams. He departed Wednesday, Dec. 15 for Denver, Colorado, where he is now stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Fortner were hosts Tuesday to members of the Young Adults Class of First Baptist Church for their December class meeting.

A brief business session was followed by games of Christmas charades and refreshments wery enjoyed.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Mike McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Medlin, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pearson, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirksey.

The Willing Workers Class of First Baptist Church held its annual Christmas social Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shipman.

Mrs. Delmar McNeely gave the invocation, followed by the Christmas Story and benediction by Mrs. E. E. Baskin, Teacher. The group enjoyed a gift exchange and departed to visit at the Ridgecrest Manor in Malden.

Attending were Mrs. Emily Applegate, Mrs. Rena Greer, Mrs. W. D. Blaylock, Mrs. Y. M. Caffey, Mrs. T. H. Koonce and Mrs. A. O. Blough.

The First Baptist Church presented its Christmas program Sunday evening at the church.

Various scripture portions of the Christmas Story were read from Luke and each was followed bythe singing of an appropriate Christmas carol. The evening was climaxed by a candle - lighting ceremony led by Rev. Delmar McNeely, pastor. "Silent NIght" was then sung and was followed by a dedication prayer.

Afterwards the congregation enjoyed refreshments of cake, coffee and hot chocolate in the church dining room during the fellowship period. The group also presented a gift to Rev. and Mrs. McNeely.

Mrs. Oscar Bentley was hostess Friday to members of the Willing Workers Class of the General Baptist Church for their annual Christmas su[illegible]

A short business per[illegible] held, after which secret pals were revealed and gifts were exchanged..

Guests included Mrs. Luther Bailey, Mrs. Woodrow Knight, Mrs. Dewey Ornder, Mrs. S. E. Terry, Mrs. Raymond May, Mrs. Delbett Smelser, Mrs. Raymond May, Mrs. Delbert Smelser, Mrs. Vernon Self and Miss Donna Warth.

Members of the Risco glee club presented a program of secular and religious Christmas music Friday morning in the school cafetorium. They were directed by Mrs. Connie Cox and accompanied by Mrs. Clarissa Goldsmith.

Mrs. Gene Lancaster was hostess Thursday for the Tallapoosa Baptist Women's Christmas party at her home.

Mrs. W. M. Fortner gave the Christmas devotional, a brief business session was held and refreshments of Christmas cookies and punch were enjoyed.

Attending were Mrs. Lillie Pettiegrew, Mrs. Annie Carnie, Mrs. O. T. Story, and Mrs. Kenny Carlisle.

Travel By Auto Not Only Way

Since its invention, the automobile has been the great American love object. From the primitive cars that put -putted along dirt roads to the sleek creatures that hum over the network of paved highways that span the continent, Americans have never wavered in their devotion.

Getting from A to B in the fastest time possible became a value that was never, or hardly ever, questioned. What the automobile demanded, the automobile got. Roads? We have 1.5 million miles of paved roads. Money? Torrents of money. The federal government annually earmarks more than five billion dollars for sconstruction. California's annual highway budget now exceeds 500 million dollars to which the federal government adds about 400 million.

When the population of the metropolitan centers boomed during World War II and after, the automobile, instead of remaining the servant of transportation needs, as one part of an integrated system, began to assert its mastery over the cities and the environment.

The solution was more of the same. Cities ripped out great sections to make room for freeways to link the suburbs with the central area. This increased the necessity for and the use of more automobiles. The latest car registration count is 112 million, or about one for every two persons in the United States.

Opposition to more highways, more freeways, more cars, when the opposition arose, was quickly run over as no more than a minor nuisance, but signs now are beginning to appear that the situation may be changing.

Several months ago, the California legislature knocked out a section of the state master freeway plan between the proposed Beverly Hills freeway and the proposed Slauson freeway. Earlier this month, Gov. Ronald Reagan signed into law a bill deleting a section of the proposed Laurel Canyon freeway. This freeway link would have wiped out many homes and a restaurant row and its adjacent art galleries on LaCienega Boulevard in Los Angeles.

And a federal judge has ordered a halt to construction of a 100-million - dollar freeway that would have displaced more than 5,000 low - income Mexican-Americans from their homes in Alameda County.

In addition to uprooting this population the freeway, running through three cities south of Oakland, would have destroyed two parks and a botanical garden. The judge, issuing an injunction, said state officials had not complied with two federal laws that reflected an "intense concern by Congress over the problems of highway displacement and environmental protection."

That decision, and the action of the California legislature in stopping two freeway links in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, may indicate that local communities no longer have to submit to their own destruction.

The court decision in Alameda County probably will be appealed, and this could bring into question before the United States Supreme Court the whole issue of highway construction and its effect on displaced persons and the environment.

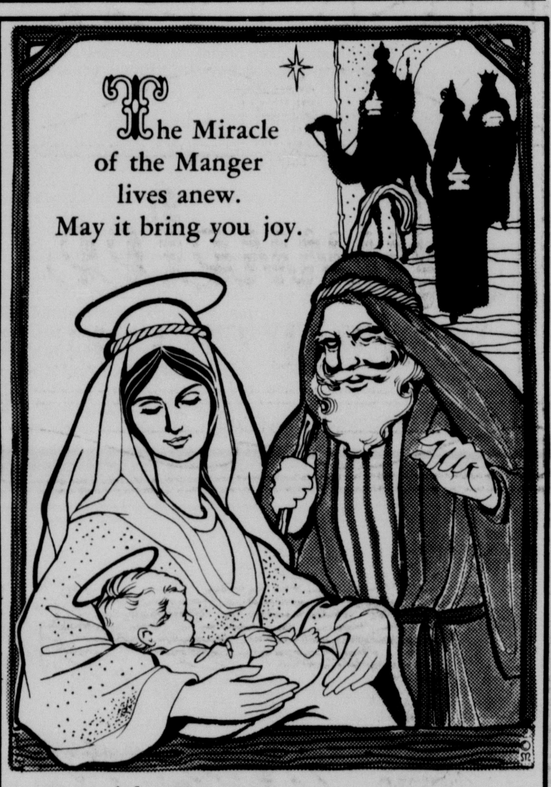
The automobile will remain. Its utility is beyond question. Its place in the hearts of Americans will remain secure. Car manufacturing and allied industries are essential to the economic well -being of the country.



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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

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Lovingly
Christopher Wallace

.....ear Santa Claus,

My name is Steven Grant Winchester. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy (but I act like any other 5 year old!!!)

For Christmas I want a walkie - talkie, rockem sockem robots, shooting gallery, a tunnel of fun, punching bag, guns and holsters, cowboy clothes, hot wheels garage set and I guess that's about all. But of course you know the rest!!!

I'll leave something for you to eat under the Christmas Tree! Be careful and don't lose any reindeer! Bye for now

I love you, Santa
Steven Winchester
East Prairie

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Joey Roberts and I'm 10 months old. Please Santa, although I've got a bad temper, would you please bring me a rocking horse, toy chest, talking see and say, clothes, top that spins, and a musical Ragedy Andy.

I'll try to be better next year! Don't forget Aunt Kim and Nancy.

Love,
Joey Curtis Roberts
Matthews

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a talking B. H. doll that says, "I Love You," every night, so I can go to sleep, a Inchworm so I can ride down the street, and some new clothes. Well this all I want. I will see you Christmas Bye.

Love
Karen Duncan

P.S. There will be something for you to eat when you come in the window.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Benita Fay Beck. I am 5 yrs. old and in kindergarden. I would like a Mrs. Beasley doll and a Timey Tell doll, if you have any left. And anything else you care to bring me, as I have been a good girl.

I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Benita

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Larry Beck, I live at 709 Hickory Drive. I would like a punching bag if you have any left, and any thing else you care to bring me, except a rockem sockem and board scooter as I already have those. We will leave some milk and cookies for you. I have been good.

Love,
Larry Beck

Dear Santa:

My Great Grand Mother is writing this letter for me and I hope it reaches you before you start out on your journey to deliver gifts on Christmas eve.

My name is Shawn Sain — I am in the first grade. I'm six years old. I have a little brother two years old, named Trevor — We are fairly good boys. Please bring Trevor a tractor that he can ride, as he is always wanting to ride our dad's tractor. Also small toys for him.

I would like a bike, guns and football. Please remember my Mother, dad and Great Grandmother — also my Grand Mother, Grand dad and uncle John who lives in Houston, Texas.

Shawn and Trevor
Sain
Sikeston

Dear Santa,

My name is Laurie Kaye Taylor and I am almost 2 years old. I have really tried to be good this year.

For Christmas, I would like a tricycle, a doll, a new coat, a Snoopy See and Say, and what ever else you want me to have.

Please remember my Mommy and Daddy, my Grandpa and Grandma Taylor, my uncles and aunts, and my cousin, Chris.

Also don't forget the Odums and Chappels who I love and remember all the people in the hospitals and make them all well again. There will be milk and cookies for you.

Love
Laurie Kaye Taylor
Sikeston

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Debra Lynn Duff. I am 3 years old. I have been a pretty good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to have a timely tell doll, fisher price play house & play school and also a piano. Don't forget all my friends and cousins.

Love,
Debra Lynn Duff
Sikeston

Sensing The News

THE POPULATION WARS

NEW YORK ... War between India and Pakistan gives concern to the government and people of the United States. The fear is that the great powers may be drawn into the struggle and that a wider conflict will result in World War III. It is possible, however, that the fighting will teach the United States and other Western nations an important lesson.

For many years after the British abandoned their empire on the Indian subcontinent, India managed to convey the idea that it possessed a unique moral authority. Though India was ambitious, arrogant and warlike, it convinced many Americans that it was dedicated to peace and spirituality. Not long ago, the Indian government condemned the U.S. For a small intrusion into Cambodia where communist forces had enjoyed a privileged sanctuary for years. The Indians insisted that the U. S. get out of Southeast Asia.

Now Americans can see India in its true colors, as a hypocritical, aggressor nation. India started a war against Pakistan and apparently intends to establish a puppet state in Bengal. The cost in human suffering of Indian aggression already is enormous. Moreover, there is every reason to believe India in future will offer military and naval base rights to Russia.

Pakistan is not blameless, of course, and it would be a mistake for the United States to take sides in the struggle between two warring proletarian nations. Hopefully, the United States will begin to jettison post-World War II assumptions about the underdeveloped nations of the world.

Such a reappraisal was recently suggested by Peregrine Worsthorne, the British commentator on foreign affairs. Writing of the religious population war in Bengal, Mr. Worsthorne said: "If the British Raj still ruled in India, the dreadful human tragedy that now darkens the sub - continent would not be taking place. The same was true last year of the equally hideous suffering caused by the Nigerian civil war. Like it or not, the end of empire has meant far more death and destruction than was ever caused by its existence."

The population wars in Afro-Asia should expunge from the Western mind all feelings of guilt implanted there by liberal ideologues. We can see now that Western colonialism was a boon to the backward peoples of the world. Certainly, the West doesn't owe any moral debt to the Afro - Asians. The new regimes of the Third World, such as that of Mrs. Ghandi of India, are as reckless and brutal as any czar or kaiser in the past.

Furthermore, the strife on the Indian sub-continent should produce a new realism in the United States and Europe. If the warring Asian and African peoples were to settle their differences and make common cause, the countries and civilization of the West would be threatened. The Asian nations regard their huge populations as a human wave weapon. And nowadays they also have sophisticated weapons to employ against the enemies. It is time, therefore, that the U. S. and other Western countries rid themselves of the notion that the Afro - Asian countries are innocent lands.

Perhaps Americans are beginning to see the light. The recent action of the U. S. House of Representatives in cutting off foreign aid to India and Pakistan is a step in the right direction. In the West, we should stop believing that feeding the peoples of backward nations is a moral imperative. The world, after all, is not one great commons with every person entitled to an equal share. It is noteworthy that Japan, for all its wealth, goves only minor aid to the incapable states of Asia. Red China, which preaches proletarian revolution, makes no effort to share its rations.

The struggle between India and Pakistan is only one of many population wars likely to take place in the decade ahead. Red China certainly has not lost sight of its objective of seizing the rice bowl of Southeast Asia. A population war also could break out between Moscow and Peking over the empty lands of North and Central Asia.

If the West manages to stay on the sidelines in these conflicts, and husbands its material resources, it is likely to be in a position to reassert global command in the aftermath of the fighting.

Provision Forces Money For Projects

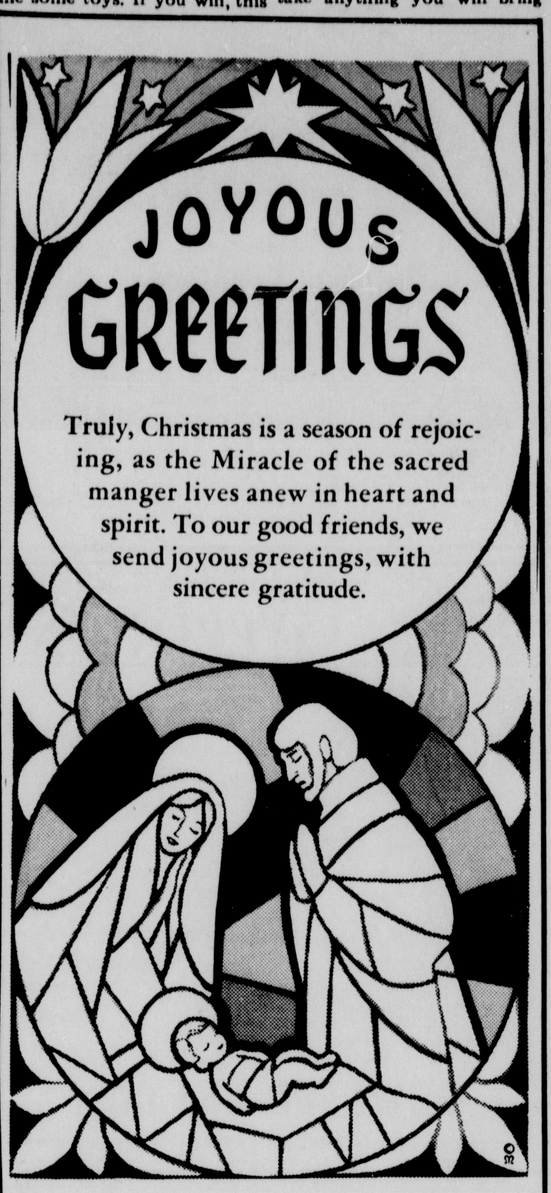
WASHINGTON (AP) — A little-noticed provision of the Senate foreign aid authorization bill is designed to force President Nixon to release more than $2 billion for development projects in the United States.

The section bars Nixon from spending any money on the foreign aid program after April 30 unless he releases certain funds previously approved by Congress for domestic programs but frozen by the President.

Although there have been increasing congressional protests against presidential impoundment of appropriated funds, the provision marks the first legislative attempt to force the President's hand.

Some members, led by John Sherman Cooper, R-Ky., oppose including the provision in the foreign aid bill on grounds it has nothing to do with foreign aid. It is "a type of threat," Cooper has charged.

Impoundment of funds appropriated by Congress has been practiced by many presidents, but Fulbright said under Nixon it has reached unprecedented proportions.



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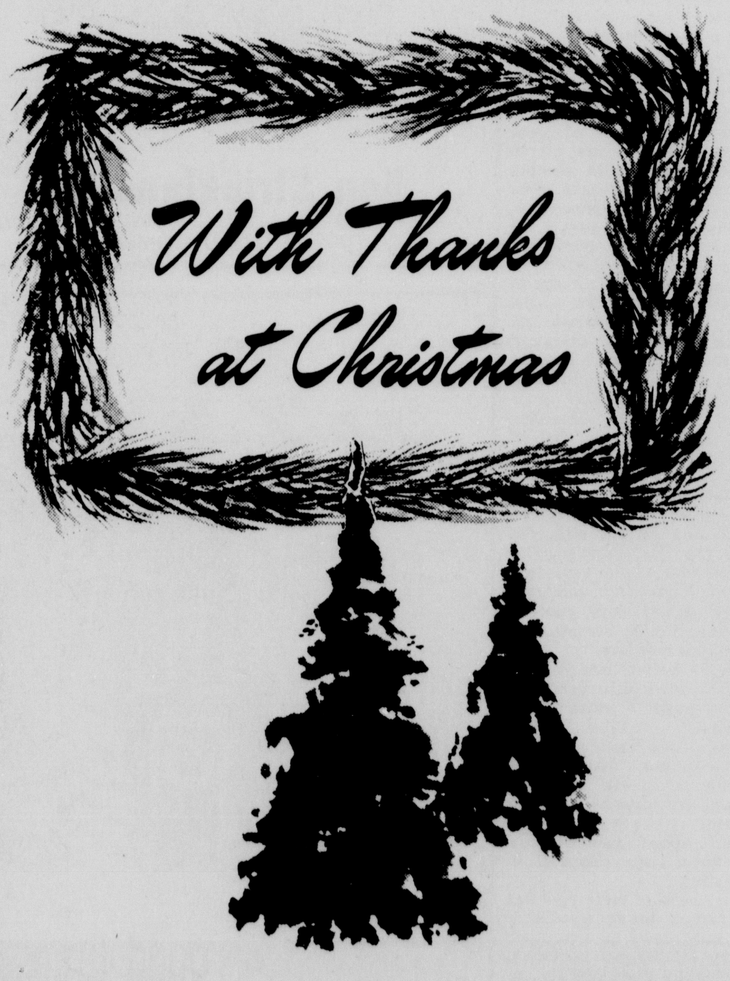
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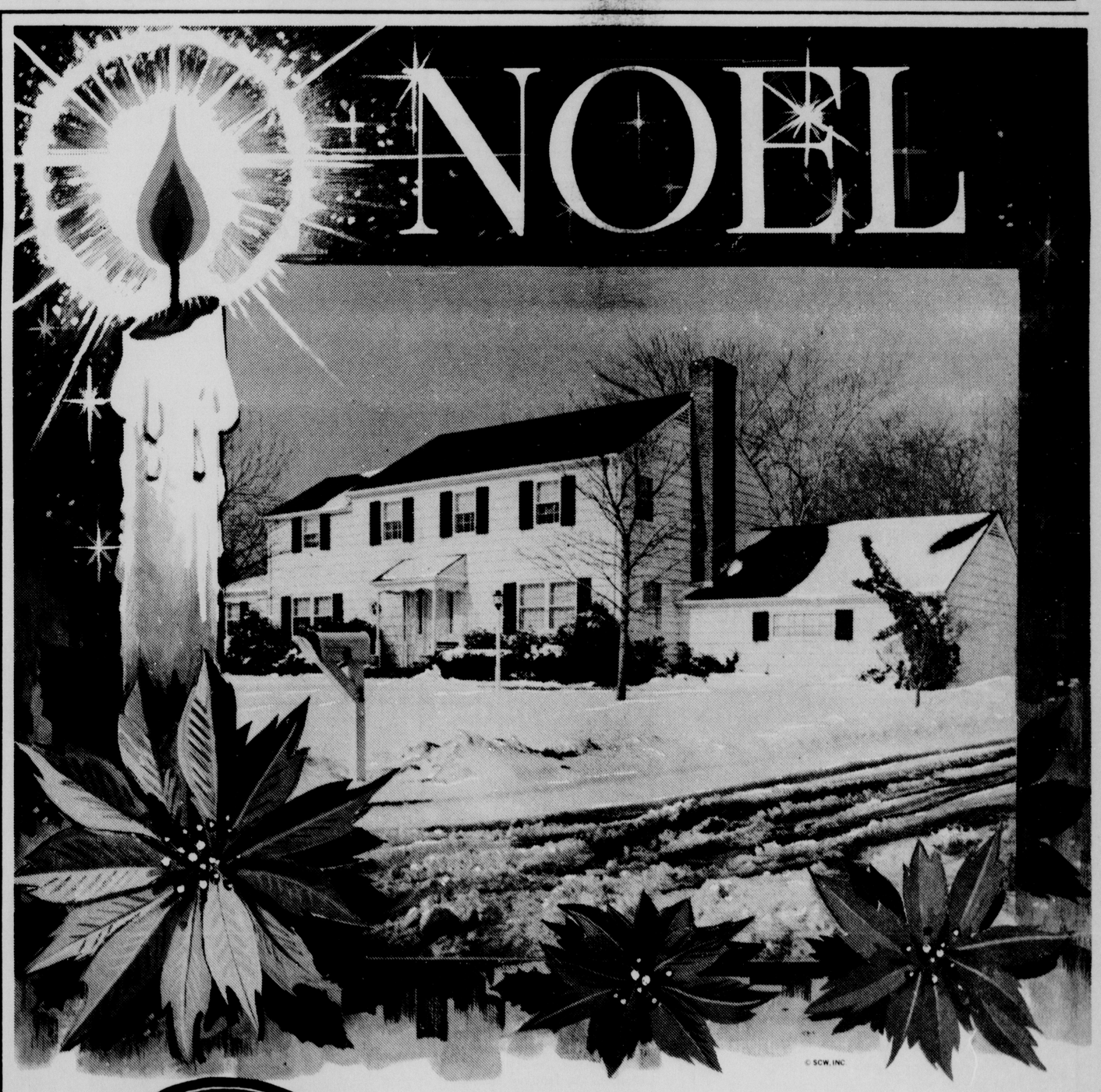
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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Bradley Shoaf. I am 10 months old. My Grandma is writing this for me. She says I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a tool chest and anything else a boy my age would like. I love you, Santa.
Bradley Shoaf
Illmo

Dear Santa,
My name is Staci Rae Shoaf. I am 2 yrs. old. I have been a good girl. My Grandma's and Grandpas say I have. Would you please bring me a inchworm, toy chest, see and say, a set of dishes, and table and chairs for me and my brother he is 10 months old. I love you Santa.
Staci Rae Shoaf
Illmo
P.S. My Mama will leave you some goodies under the tree.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 22 months old and have been a very good little boy.
Please bring me a piano, a punching bag, a pep talk, some new clothes and anything else you want to bring me.
Don't forget my big sister Dawn and my cousins Teresa & Kenny Wayne Story. Bring Mama "B", Mommy and Daddy a lot of things.
We will leave you a pepsi and some cookies.
I love you
Christopher Purdy
Sikeston

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 5 yrs old and have been very good this year. Please bring me an organ, an easy -bake oven, a vacuum sweeper that runs on batteries, some new clothes and anything else you may have in your sack of toys for me.
Please bring my brother Chris a lot of toys as he has been a very good baby brother. Bring my cousins Teresa & Kenny Wayne Story a lot of nice things. Bring my Mother and Mama "B" a lot of nice presents. Don't forget my daddy.
We will leave a pepsi and cookies out for you.
I love you
Dawn Purdy
Sikeston

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 21 months old and have been very good this year except for my red - headed temper.
Please bring me a Baby Tenderlove, piano, vacuum sweeper that runs on batteries, table and chairs, raggedy Ann and whatever else you think I would like.
Please bring my brother, Kenny Wayne, what he wants and my cousins, Dawn and Christopher Purdy gifts too as they have been very good too.
We will have some milk & cookies waiting for you at our house, 203 Marian St.
I love you
Teresa Jane Story
Sikeston

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 5 yrs old and have been very good this year.
Please bring me a watch, knockem sockem robots, gun and holster set, cowboy gloves, clothes and anything else you have in your sack for me.
Please bring my sister, Teresa Jane, what she wants and my cousins, Dawn and Christopher Purdy some nice gifts.
I love you
Kenny Wayne Story
Sikeston
P.S. We will have milk & cookies for you at our house.

Dear Santa,
My name is Denie Wilson, I'm three and a half years old. My mama is writing this for me, I'm dictating.
I think I'm being really good, but mama doesn't agree, what do you think? Well, I'm trying, at least!
For Christmas I would appreciate a big bass drum, baby doll, some Barbie dolls, a cowboy and Indian set, and finally a Play School. I'll keep trying to be good, and thank you very much, Santa, for anything you bring me.
Your friend,
Denie Wilson
P.S. I'll leave a good snack for you!

Dear SAnta Claus,
I am only 11 mos. old my name is Lisa Ann Duff. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I want a Drowsy Doll, horse Rocker and some fisher price pull toys and push Chime and anything else you want to bring.
Love
Lisa Ann Duff
Sikeston

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Harold Duff Jr. I am 6 years old and I am in the 1st grade for Christmas I want a action garage, a farm set, a rifle and holster outfit and a scream 'N Demon Set. I will leave you some Milk and Cookies on the table.
Love
Harold Duff Jr.
Sikeston

Phil Esposito of the Boston Bruins was the first National Hockey League player to score 20 goals this season.

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May the joy and peace of this holiday season be with you.



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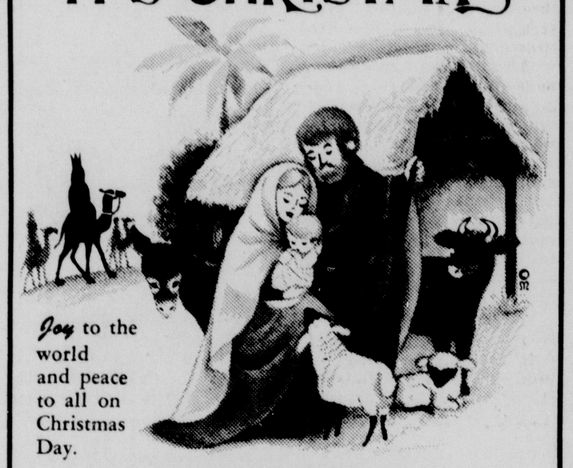


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Christmas Cards Balm For Guilty Consciences

By HARRY EISENBERG
Associated Press Writer

"In good times people send Christmas cards to go along with the gift. In bad times they send cards because they can't afford gifts."

DEDHAM, Mass. (AP) — Brighter, briefer and more expensive. It's been the trend of the sixties, both in miniskirts and Christmas cards.

The cards go to relatives business acquaintances, friends and almost friends. They are the most popular medium of holiday expression and more than one billion are sent annually. The spirit of the season knows no bounds.

For distant relatives and silent friends, the Christmas card is the great all-purpose healer, a mental balm. It links sender and recipient after a year of isolation, soothing guilt feelings for lack of correspondence.

But still, for most people, the card is a tangible extension of the spirit of the season. It is a practical and convenient way to tell your neighbor: Peace, good will and joy to the world.

Rust Craft Greeting Cards Inc. is one of the country's largest card producers. At the sprawling plant in Dedham, Mass., a major concern is keeping ahead of consumer trends, since the planning and production of a Christmas card line begins two years in advance.

"Trends change very slowly," said Dick Myles director of marketing services at Rust Craft. But he added that there have been several noticeable changes in the business since 1960.

"Color, for one," he said, riffling through a stack of the new line, flashing off bits of psychedelic magentas, chartreuses, oranges and yellows as the cards rippled the air. "Color TV is what did it," he said, ". . . made people more color conscious."

"Clothing also is a factor," added Jim Plesh, the company's creative director. It was noted that women buy 80 per cent of all greeting cards. "What they'll buy in clothes, they'll buy in cards, only a few years later, because of tradition," he said.

One thing that is not being delayed by tradition, or anything else, is increase in price. In 1960, counter cards (opposed to those that come a dozen to a box) were selling at an average price of 22 cents. This year the average is expected to be 37 cents. For the additional money, the buyer is getting a better quality card with a shorter but less sentimental and more sophisticated verse.

Besides color, another change in the sixties has been the advent of the "All Denomination" card which has a brotherhood and peace theme and features the six major religions of the world. The card is one of the company's biggest sellers, with one theory being that opposition to the Vietnam War is boosting sales.

According to Irving Cohen, President of Fifth Avenue Cards, there are several new trends in cards this year. Those for servicemen, especially are strong sellers, providing an extra gesture of thoughtfulness.

Foreign language cards fall into another popular category for the Christmas card buyer. In polyglot New York City, these are especially important and appreciated. In fact, international themes are taking precedence over provincial American motifs. "Perhaps this is because 'Peace on earth, Good will toward Men' is a theme of crucial urgency as never before," remarked Mr. Cohen.

Religious cards still are very popular, but humorous cards are building a following, especially among the less inhibited young.

Recycle The Yule Debris

Christmas as it is celebrated by the typical American family generates enough debris to produce a state of shock in the women who is concerned about the quality of the environment, not to mention thyneatness of her own home. But it need not be a total disaster.

In this "age of ecology," the Glass Container Manufacturers Institute points out, American home-makers are beginning to recognize that the holiday litter that fills trash baskets and garbage cans to overflowing at Yuletide contains materials that can be recycled.

"This is particularly true of glass containers," explains Richard L. Cheney, president of GCMI, whose member companies produce more than 90 per cent of the glass jars and bottles in the U. S. "Glass bottles and jars are among the most readily recycled of all containers used in the American home."

Family reunions, parties and other home festivities associated with Christmas — New Year's holiday season naturally result in increased consumption of foods and beverages that are packaged in glass, so that there may be a larger number than usual to be disposed of.

"These may well be dwarfed by the huge accumulation of boxes, cartons and other Christmas discards," Mr. Cheney says, "but it is at least gratifying to know that there are many communities in the United States where bottles and jars can be salvaged for recycling."

This Christmas season, member companies of GCMI will be redeeming used bottled and jars from the public at 94 glass container manufacturing plants in 25 states. Most plants pay about a penny a pound for used glass containers. Many home-makers, along with Garden Clubs, PTA's, Boy and Girl Scout troops, churches, ecology clubs and other groups with which women are associated as members or advisers have successfully organized bottle-collection drives to raise money for worthwhile causes.

"New technology for the management of solid waste is coming into being," Mr. Cheney said. "In fact, some day in the future many salvageable materials now discarded as refuse will be reclaimed by sophisticated machines in municipal waste handling plants, and these materials will be recycled.

"When the happy day arrives, Christmas packaging should no longer be a problem."

World Leaders Get Fare Break

ART BUCHWALD
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COMMERICAL APPEAL

WASHINGTON — There are so many heads of state, presidents, vice presidents, premiers, kings, queens, prime ministers and emperors traveling to other countries these days that the airlines have decided to offer special air - fare rates to world leaders.

Freres A. Jacqua, chairman of the special fares division of the International Airline Association, told me:

"The International Airline Association has just completed a study which shows that, as a group, world leaders are traveling more than any other profession. Therefore we have made special discount rates to assure they will go by air."

"That's wonderful," I said.

"We are trying to get world leaders to take their wives with them on their trips, so we are now advertising a new rate. If you are the head of your country and you are on an official state visit to another country, you can take your wife for $99 plus tax, providing you don't stay in the country for more than four days.

"If you can get 10 heads of state to travel together on the same plane, our airlines will offer a 25 per cent discount, and the leaders don't have to stay together once they land at the airport," he added.

"Too bad those fares were not in effect when the shah of Iran celebrated his country's 2,500th anniversary," I commented.

"We also have other special fares," Mr. Jacqua said. "If you're the vice president of a country and you visit any NATO dictatorship and stay for less than 30 days, you can take your Secret Service men with you at half fare."

"That's better than student rates," I cried. "Do you have any special rates for dictators?"

"Yes, we have a new totalitarian rate. Any dictator may fly at a 40 per cent discount providing he travels in uniform."

"What about heads of state who have been deposed in coups d'etat?"

"Any head of state who has been kicked out by a military coup may travel to any other country for 20 per cent less, providing he does not fly on the weekend."

"Is there any difference in rates charged leaders of the Communist world and those charged leaders of the Free World?" I wanted to know.

"Every airline has its own policy on that. For example, El Al, the Israel airline, will give a discount to Soviet leaders, but only on a standby basis — they have to wait to board, to see if any seats are left."

"We also have arranged charter fares for the United Nations. We plan to fly Peking delegates to New York for $125 and Taipei delegates back to Taiwan for the same price."

"What about someone like Henry Kissinger, who is not a head of state but is traveling on business for the President?"

"He has to pay the full fare," was the answer. "But if he travels with a companion she can go for half fare."



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French Journalist Says U.S. "Nuts" On Policy

KANSAS CITY (AP) — A prominent French journalist says the United States was "nuts" to cancel the supersonic air transport project last year and predicted the U.S. will have an SST in the air by 1980.

"In Europe, there is no doubt the United States will build an SST before the 1980s," said Francois Dupuis, urban affairs editor for L'Express, a weekly news magazine published in Paris.

"This time last year we listened to the news report about the defeat of the SST in the Senate. We found it hard to believe that a group of men could vote that way. We couldn't believe their arguments."

Dupuis, in Kansas City to interview Trans World Airline officials about the company's recent economic revival, said he hopes the U.S. will build its SST in conjunction with the British and French, designers and builders of the Concorde jetliner.

The Concorde is now priced at $31 million, Dupuis noted, "twice the original cost, but it's twice the original airplane.

"Despite all the doomsday-sayers in the United States, the plane will operate and operate at a profit ... Of course the SST will mate with the environment. Nobody is going to build a $31 million monster."

Dupuis said there is a great European interest in TWA because of the company's recovery from record 1970 losses. He said similar losses are now occurring at several airlines on the continent.

Plans Underway For Passage Of Bond Issue

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Plans are under way to seek passage of a massive bond issue for campus construction in Missouri.

An official of the Missouri Commission on Higher Education confirmed the proposal Tuesday and said state college and university officials seem enthusiastic in their support.

But the proposal drew an immediately cool reception from lawmakers.

Thomas E. Luehr, director of facilities and federal programs for the commission, said some legal difficulties must be resolved before a decision is made.

Luehr said he felt the commission had received a mandate to proceed. "It will be up to the governor, of course," he added.

No figure for the bond issue has been set, but Luehr estimated the amount probably would exceed $200 million. He said the commission wants to determine if federal funds could be used in such a program.

The nature of the commission's meeting came to light during the Senate hearings and appropriations chairman Sen. Donald Manford, D-Kansas City, cautioned college and university officials against any hasty committments to the bond issue approach.

Sen. J.F. Patterson, D-Caruthersville, Senate president protem, expressed an awareness of campus construction needs but questioned the wisdom of a bond issue at this time.

Some senators speculated the groundwork in organizing support for a bond issue proposal might have been instigated by Gov. Warren E. Hearnes.

Luehr confirmed that two members of the administration's Division of Planning and Construction participated in Tuesday's unpublicized meeting.

William R. Komlo, former Maryland fullback, owns and trains thoroughbreds.

'1776' Set May Be Last Of Great Movie Sets

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — It could be the last of the great movie sets. Quite naturally, it was ordered by the last of the great movie moguls, Jack L. Warner.

Three acres of the Columbia studio ranch in Burbank has been converted into a reproduction of Revolutionary Philadelphia for the Warner production, "1776." Even by the standards of Hollywood's heyday, the set is colossal.

Designer George Jenkins, who was raised in Philadelphia, created a replica of Independence Hall—then called State House—and its environs on Chestnut Street; also the 1776 market place on High Street. A 150-man crew spent three months building the 50 structures and cobblestone streets at a cost of $500,000.

It was the biggest set ever built on the Columbia ranch, bigger than the huge Shangri-la created for "Lost Horizon" in 1937. And it might be the last.

Earlier this year Columbia announced that it would sell off its Gower Street studio and Burbank location ranch and move in with Warner Bros. This will be a major step in the cntinuing consolidation of movie lots.

A principal casualty in this trend has been the movie ranch. During the years of full production, every studio had its ranch or backlot-large acreage where the construction of big sets was more practical than at the cramped studio.

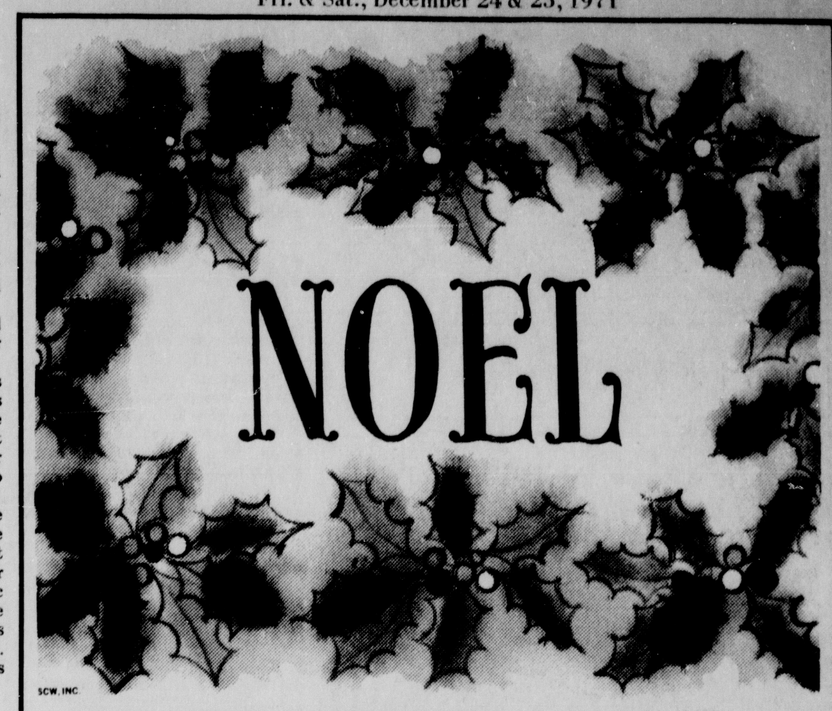
MGM had not only one but two location areas. One was Lot 3, a couple of miles distant from the main studio; it featured everything from Tarzan's jungle to the mansion of the unsinkable Molly Brown. Now it has been sold for a realty development.

RKO, Warner Bros. and Paramount disposed of their location ranches long ago.

Only Universal retains its big location acreage in the hills next to the studio. The sets are rarely used for features, but they come in handy for television series and studio tours.

"The day of the movie location ranch is over," says one studio veteran. "You can't shoot a Paris street in Culver City any more. The public knows it's phony. Besides, the new generation of film makers won't work on studio sets. They want to shoot 'where it's at.'"

VIENNA (AP) — Establishment of fatherhood in future will be even more exact, says Dr. Wolfgang Mayr. He said his Institute of Blood-Group (Sereologie) investigation was able to detect two entirely new genetic characteristics which enabled them to rule out fatherhood by a 99 per cent certainty.



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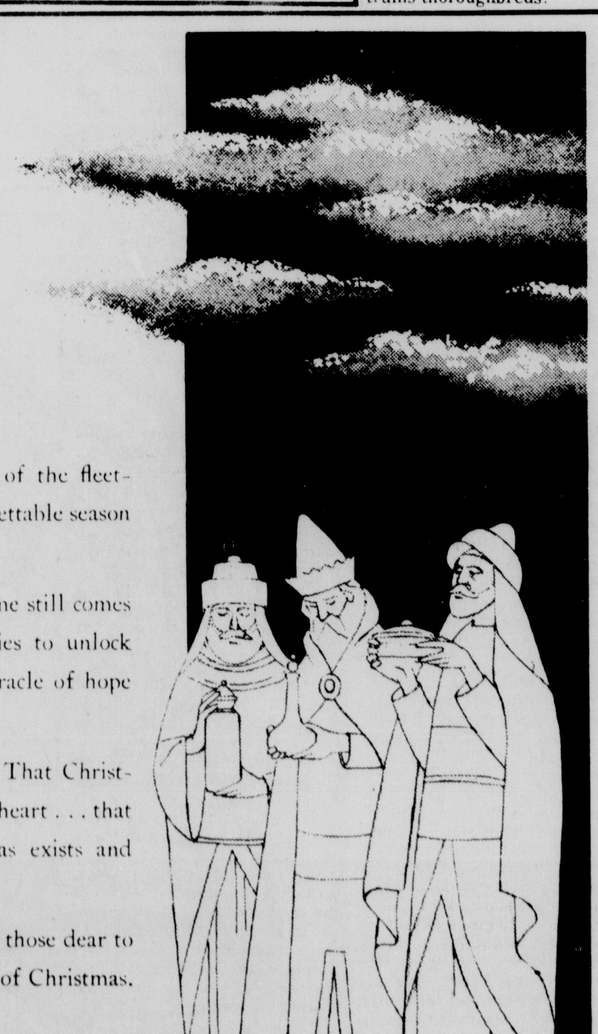


Christmas

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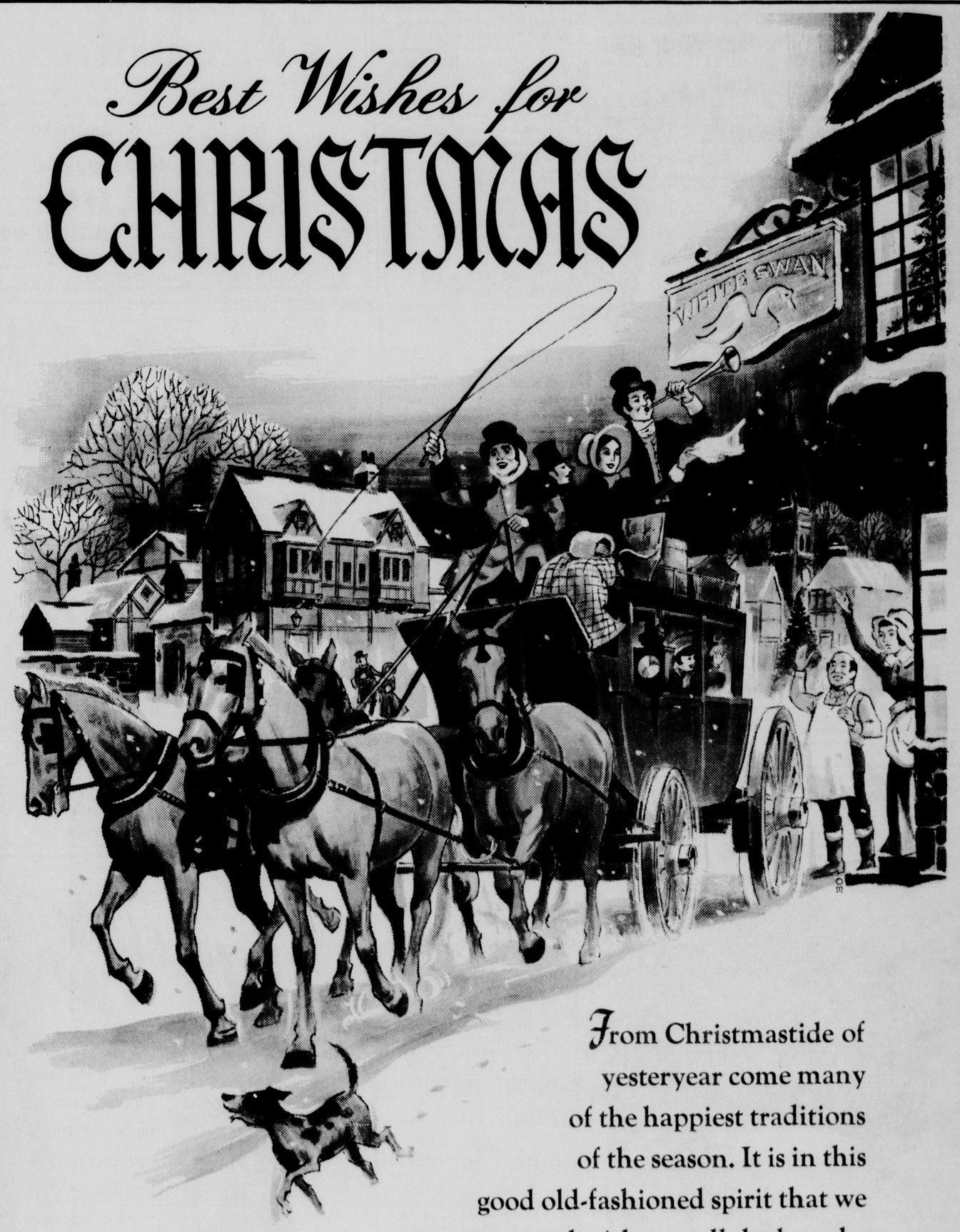
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Love,
John Paul McClellan
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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 9 year old. My name is Vicki. This year I want a big play house and a coke mechine and some games and a tipewriter and anything that would be easy for you to bring me.
I love Santa

Love, Vicki
P.S. I will be in Arkansaw at my Grandma.

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a Rock 'em sock 'em Robots and a Don't Break the Ice game, And a game of battleship and time bomb, and a hot wheels cars Hazard Hill, and some View Master Reels, and do remember erveryone, I am in Fourth grade,
Thank you

Your friend
Keith Mothershead
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Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a pair of pink house shoes, a Dressy Bessie, a Smarty Pants doll, a play refrigerator and that's all. Please remember everyone. I am five and in kindergarden.

Thank you
Laurie Mothershead

Dear Santa,
My name is DeAnn Michelle Ritter. My friends call me Dee. I am two years old and I have tried to be a good little girl this year.
For Christmas I want some new clothes, some ABC Blocks, a new purse, crayons, a velvet doll, a sassie doll, a doll case, some dishes, a see and say, and anything else. Don't forget my Uncle Phillip who is in the hospital. He'll get to come back home just before you come Santa, and don't forget LeAnn and Mike either, or all the other little boys and girls.
MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Love
DeAnn Ritter
Canalou

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old, and in the 3rd grade. I have been a good helper for my mother and tried to be very good. Please bring me a typewriter, shoppin Sheryl, if you have any left, and a pair of lace up boots.
Refreshments will be on the Kitchen Table.

Thank you
Sherry Spitler

Dear Santa,
I have been a fairly good boy the past year. I'm 6 years old. Please bring me a Electric Train, a thing to look at pictures and any toys you want to leave.
Be careful Christmas Eve. If you're hungry look on the kitchen table. Thank you

Michael Spitler

Dear Sante Claus,
I want a talking Barbie Doll. A batterey operated play Organ. Some dishes and anything else you can bring me. I'm trying to be good will have some milk and cookies for you.
I love you, Santa Claus,

Angela Dixon
Sikeston

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a talking Barbie Doll. A battery operated play Organ. Some dishes and anything else you can bring me. I'm trying to be good. Will have some milk and cookies for you.
I love you, Santa Claus

Sonya Dixon
Sikeston

Cancer Agent Found In Some Cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two scientists say they have found "the first hard evidence" that the potent cancer-causing agent DMN is formed by burning certain types of tobacco and is contained in some cigarette smoke.

Their findings were [illegible] the current issue [illegible]an Chemical [illegible]blication Chemical [illegible] Engineering News.

The chemists, Dr. Donald E. Johnson and John W. Rhoades, said they found DMN, dimethylnitrosamine, in smoke condensates in amounts "roughly proportional to the nitrogen content of the soil in which the tobacco was grown."

The report did not name the brands of cigarettes studied.

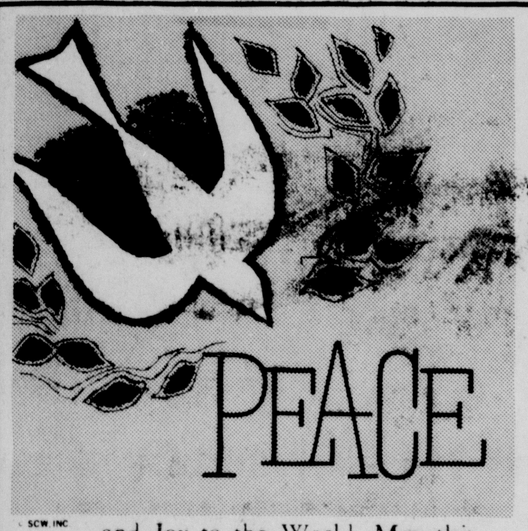
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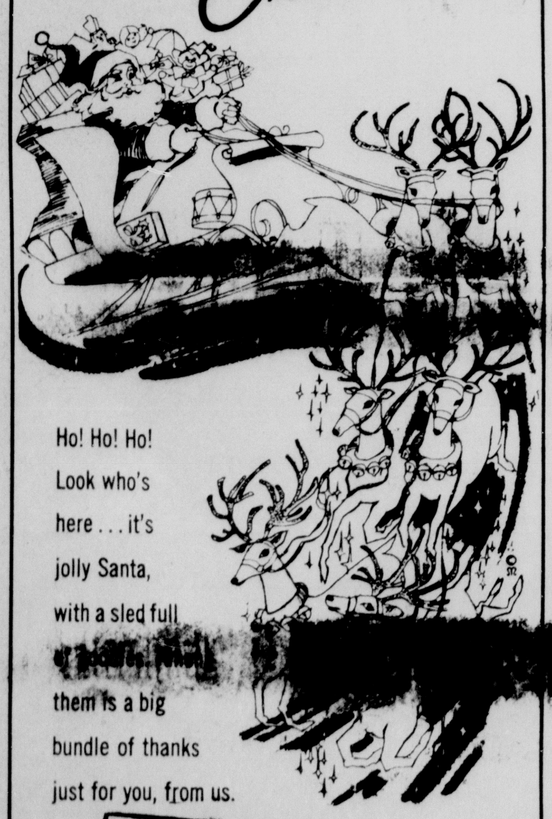


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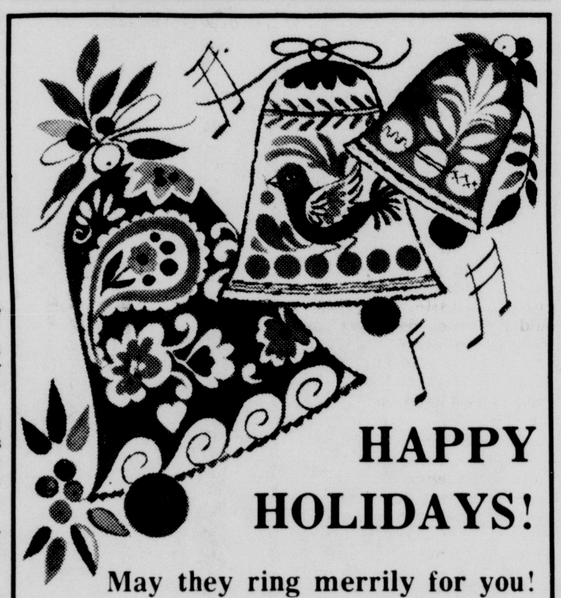
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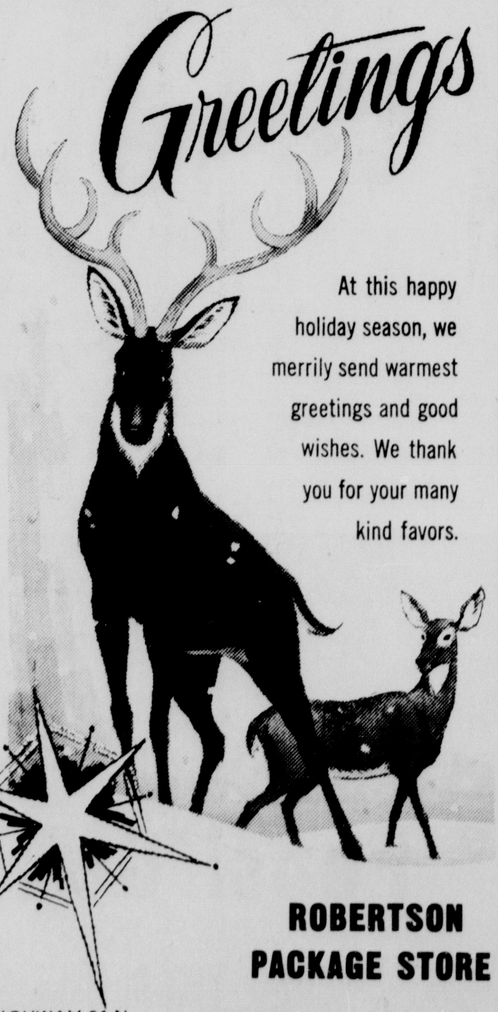


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DR. LAWRENCE E. LAMB



Mother's Health Affects Her Baby

By Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

Dear Dr. Lamb — I would greatly appreciate your going into detail as much as possible about expectant mothers (I am very early in pregnancy) indulging in one-and-a-half cups of coffee in the morning (no more) when it tastes so good, that is every day, along with an occasional cocktail (once a week, no more).

Now, if you feel this is going to harm baby in any way, please state. I am also planning on nursing my baby. Something special which my mother did with all five of us girls.

Dear Reader — Your question is a good one. Most of our information on medicine that people commonly take, such as aspirin, or the effects of coffee, alcohol, nicotine and tranquilizers, is based on adult responses. We have limited knowledge about how many things we think are safe really affect the tiny, developing baby.

It is known that babies of women taking dope are often born as addicts and it requires a lot of skill to save the baby. Imagine, withdrawal symptoms at birth.

Unless you develop other difficulties, I shouldn't think that one or two cups of coffee a day will harm either you or the baby. If you are concerned about it, why not switch to a decaffeinated product and still enjoy your morning coffee? One cocktail once a week is not likely to cause any harm to the baby either. Fortunately, the things the mother takes are diluted by both her blood and body fluids before it reaches the baby.

The blood alcohol level will be about the same in the baby's blood as in the mother's blood. Because the baby gets its oxygen from the mother's blood through the placenta in the womb, by the time the baby's blood reaches its tiny brain there is less oxygen in the blood than normally is present after birth. This makes the baby's brain more sensitive to alcohol and possibly other drugs and tranquilizers than after birth. Aspirin, tranquilizers, alcohol, caffeine in colas, coffee and tea do pass into the baby's circulation. This is why the mother's health is so critical during pregnancy.

Children born to mothers who smoke have been reported to be more likely to have convulsions than babies born to nonsmoking mothers.

Having a baby is much like preparing for an athletic event. The mother should stay in the best of health, avoiding exposure to contagious diseases. She should avoid getting fat, eat a well-balanced diet for both herself and the baby, exercise properly and avoid too many bad habits. The first prerequisite to a healthy baby is a healthy mother. Oh, yes, congratuations.

(NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.)

Agreement Boon To Cattlemen

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new Agriculture Department agreement will enable U.S. cattlemen to import the finest strains of European livestock and may end their dependence on the slow and expensive process of obtaining semen from bulls shipped to Canada.

Rep. Graham Purcell, DTex., chairman of a House Agriculture subcommittee, estimated livestock imports could soar into the millions of dollars.

After a meeting Wednesday with Purcell and Sen. Roman Hruska, R-Neb., Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz announced that a maximum security animal quarantine station would be created within three years in Florida to screen imported livestock for disease.

Cattlemen long have sought such a facility to get around rigid rules barring animal imports from countries with histories of such communicable diseases as hoof-and-mouth sickness.

They have insisted they need the quality breeding strains from Europe to cross-breed with proven American stock.

Canada has a quarantine station for livestock imports, but its business became so lucrative that it has severely restricted U.S. access to the cattle brought in, Purcell said.

Faced with Canadian competition and the U.S. embargo on direct imports, U.S. cattlemen have resorted to artificial insemination with semen from the European bulls in Canada.

A Purcell aide said semen from one prized Franch breed, Limousin, sells for as much as $100 per cubic centimeter, far higher than the $4 top price for semen from most domestic bulls.

Purcell said U.S. livestock producers are so eager for European stock they have been watching the long-term prospects of a recent experiment.

An embryo was taken from a pregnant cow, put into a rabbit and kept alive while brought to this country, where it was implanted into a domestic cow. The cow gave birth to a healthy calf.

The new agreement calls for the Navy department to permit use of 16.1 acres of an island it controls, Fleming Key off Key West, for the quarantine inspection station.

The facility will cost an estimated $6.7 million, Purcell said, and if funds are cleared it should be operating by 1974.

He said Butz agreed to consider transferring about $200,000 from other USDA areas to begin planning immediately rather than await specific appropriations next year.

Guajiro Indians of Colombia and Venezuela set their own work quotas then when they feel they have done enough they return to their hammocks.



GREETINGS

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Savings And Loan Group Irritated By Ideas

NEW YORK (AP) — The savings and loan people are getting a bit irritated by suggestions from the administration, economists and retailers that business conditions might improve if people saved less and spent more.

Behind those suggestions is the assumption that if the consumer reduces his rate of savings he will pump billions of dollars into the economy. Instead, the savings rate remains close to 8 per cent.

That percentage, which relates to the amount of takehome pay—after taxes, that is—is unusually high. In 1960, for example, it was less than 5 per cent, and as recently as 1969 it was at a more "normal" 6 per cent.

If that rate comes down, business goes up, some people assume. And that is what bothers the U.S. Savings and Loan League. It contends that such thinking is too simplistic.

"There's been so much concern in recent months about the need from more consumer spending—and less saving—that it's easy to believe that money in savings accounts simply is locked in vaults, where it does no good," the league comments.

"The fact that the money you put in your savings account does as much for the economy as money spent directly for consumer goods and services."

Freed Woman Captive Says She Was Never Charged

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An attractive young woman who was a prisoner of the Chinese Communists for 3½ years said Thursday she was never charged with a crime.

Mary An Harbert, 25, of Palo Alto, Calif., said she was held in farmhouses in southern China, and never in a prison.

"I was threatened that if I didn't cooperate I would be sent to prison," she said in her first meeting with newsmen since she and Richard G. Fecteau, 43, Lynn, Mass., were released Monday in Hong Kong.

Both are undergoing medical tests at nearby Valley Forge General Hospital.

She said the Chinese "wanted me to obey the security rules and do what I was told. They wanted me to make anti-government statements. But I declined to make an anti-government statement or anything concerning my support of communism."

She said that "after a while they stopped pressing me about it and I was treated well."

Miss Harbert, who celebrates her 26th birthday two days after Christmas, was captured on a yacht off the Chinese mainland in April 1968 with her companion, Gerald Ross McLaughlin, also of Palo Alto.

"We were on a boat going from Hong Kong to Manila, the Philippines," she said.

"Of course we had no intention of trespassing in Chinese waters. We thought we were sailing a legal course. The Chinese who captured us said we had intruded. We were outnumbered and so we agreed it was possible we were in Chinese waters. We don't know."

The Chinese reported that McLaughlin committed suicide in 1969.

Miss Harbert, an outgoing, gregarious type who showed no visible signs of her ordeal, smiled often during the 18-minute news conference, answering questions in a firm voice with a slight English accent.

Naval Force Ordered To Indian Ocean Area

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration acknowledged today for the first time that an American naval force led by the nuclear-powered carrier Enterprise was ordered to the Indian Ocean during the recent India-Pakistan war.

Pentagon spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim said the Enterprise, the helicopter carrier Tripoli with a battalion of 800 Marines, seven destroyers and frigates and an oiler now are steaming between Ceylon and Maldive Islands off the southern tip of India.

Friedheim declined to say how long the ships, organized as Task Force 74, will remain in the area.

The ships, he said, were to have been used to evacuate Americans from East or West Pakistan if that became necessary, but he conceded the fleet also serves to establish an American presence in the area.

Although the ship movements were widely reported, the administration until now had refused to discuss the movement of any U.S. naval forces. India had told the United States to keep the warships out of the Bay of Bengal when it was reported they might seek to evacuate not only Americans but also the defeated Pakistani army.

Friedheim said the ships never penetrated deep into the Bay of Bengal, but have remained in the Indian Ocean since passing through the Straits of Malacca Dec. 14. At no time did the task force approach closer to East Pakistan than one or two days steaming time, he said.

The Enterprise with its 70 attack planes along with a guided-missile frigate, a guided-missile destroyer and two conventional destroyers left Yankee Station off the coast of Vietnam Dec. 9. The ships were joined en route by the Tripoli and its escort of three destroyers and the oiler, which left from ports in the Philippine Islands.

Friedheim said the Marines were aboard for a training exercise in the Philippines which was canceled.

Friedheim also reported that a Soviet Kresta class guidedmissile cruiser and fur escort and support ships entered the Bay of Bengal through the Malacca Straits shortly after the U.S. ships passed through.

He said the Russian vessels are still in the bay. These are in addition to the 10 or so ships the Soviets normally maintain in the Indian Ocean.

During the past week, Friedheim said, the U.S. fleet has had no visual sightings with any Soviet, Indian or Pakistani vessels.

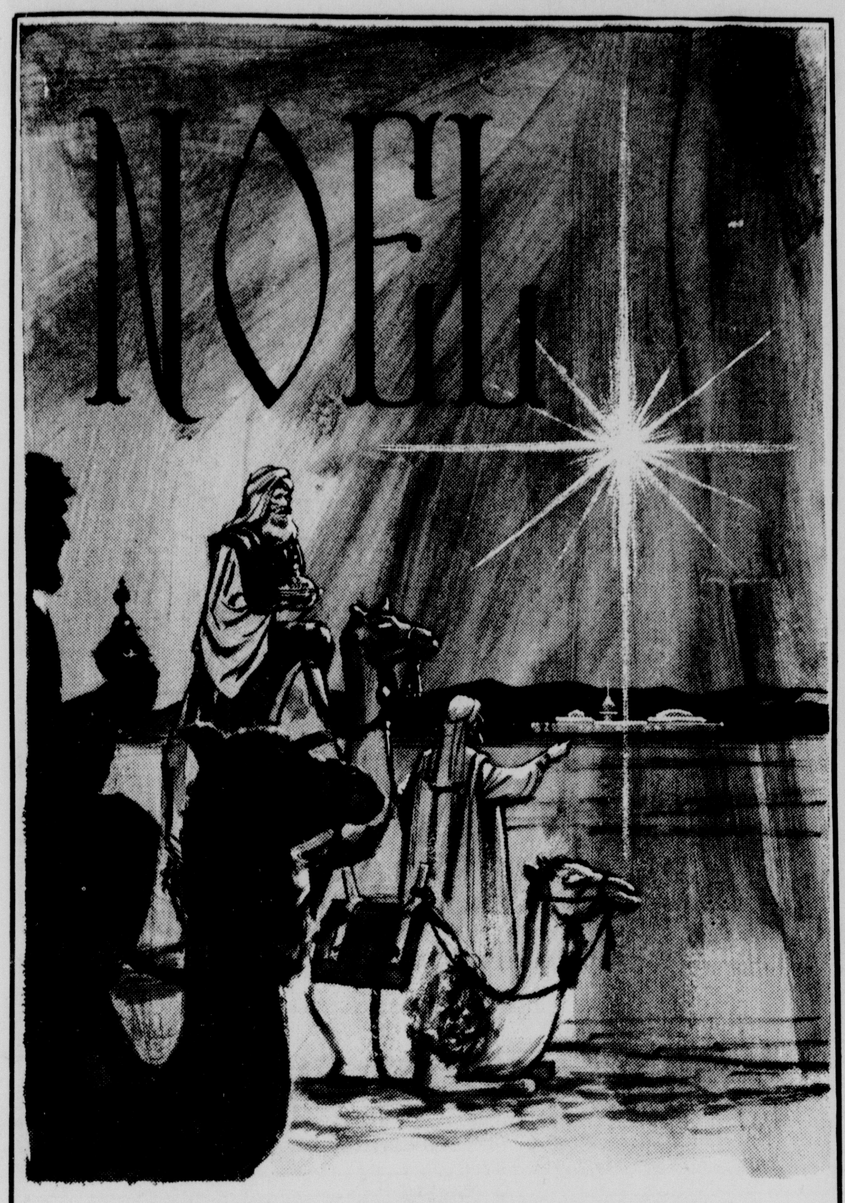
Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

I like for you to bring me a Mrs. Beasley Doll, light brite, and easy bake oven. My brother Kevin would like a punching bag, jeep, tool set, and boxing gloves. My baby brother Frankie, is to little to want anything, so please bring him a few toys anyway. We will leave you some cookies and milk.

Denise Rutledge
Sikeston

About 1,600 sea-dwelling Bajau fisherfolk still live on houseboats in the Philippines.



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Seattle's Space Needle Widely Copied

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — Seattle's No. 1 tourist attraction, the 607-foot Space Needle, has been copied from San Antonio to Calgary. But manager George Johnson doesn't mind.

"We love it," he says. "It's a sign of success."

Since its construction for the Seattle World's Fair nine years ago, the Space Needle has drawn millions of visitors, including the Shah of Iran and Prince Philip of Britain.

It has been a favorite spot for publicity seekers, and Johnson says he remembers only too well the time a group of Chinese hung a 200-foot long string of firecrackers down the side of the needle to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

"We were cleaning up for two weeks afterward," Johnson recalled Tuesday.

At least six weddings and "hundreds" of engagements have taken place in the restaurant-lounge atop the needle.

"We've delivered rings in martinis, on cakes and in the meat sauce," said Johnson.

The restaurant-lounge, which seats 280, revolves once an hour on a ball-bearing track driven by a one-horsepower motor, smaller than the motor in most home vacuum cleaners.

On clear days, the restaurant offers a spectacular view of Puget Sound, the Cascade and Olympic mountains and the entire city.

'Jingle Bells' in Danish Arfs

By MARY CAMPBELL
AP Newsfeatures Writer

We listened to Christmas song records for an entire weekend, lamenting that they aren't up to last year's stocking full. Then we heard a novelty record that sent our mood all the way from "Bah, Humbug" to "Ho, Ho, Ho."

This is "Jingle Bells," a single, by five barking dogs.

"Jingle Bells" by this Christmas canine quintet sold half a million copies in 1955. This year, a New York disc jockey played it on the air and told listeners if they wanted to hear it again to call up and have their dogs bark into the phone. Listeners did that. They also wrote him a lot of letters.

RCA Victor, not having to be woofed at twice, got out its dog-eared "Jingle Bells" and reissued it.

The record was produced by Carl Weismann, who went around Copenhagen and recorded variously pitched arfs of two shepherds, a poodle, a terrier and a Doberman pinscher. He cut up the tapes and created a barked "Jingle Bells." It looks like the "Rudolph" of 1971.

As for the rest, the one we enjoyed most is "The Message of Christmas in Song and Story," by the Little Sisters of Jesus, on Avant Garde. One sister tells the Christmas story from the Bible, with additions, speculating on what Mary thought on the way to Bethlehem and explaining why Jesus called poor shepherds to be his first worshippers. Scattered throughout are carols from many countries, Spain, India, Chile, the Cameroons, sung by the sisters in the appropriate language.

For people who like collected artists doing Christmas music, making a real change from band to band, this year's offering is "This Is Christmas," a two-LP set on RCA. Harry Belafonte, Kate Smith, a carillon players, etc., are heard here. Marian Anderson sings "The 12 Days of Christmas," which seems an odd choice.

One side has the country people, Eddy Arnold, Floyd Cramer, Jim Reeves, Chet Atkins.

Our favorite track: "O Holy Night" by Kate Smith.

"Christmas Time," by Ernie Ford on Capitol, is very pleasing. He has a choir plus a children's choir which sings on key. Ford sings a mixture of jolly carols like "Deck the Halls" and modern Christmas songs.

"Christmas Festival," Renata Tebaldi, is new this year from London. Miss Tebaldi sings 12 religious carols, beginning and ending with "Adeste Fideles," and including "Ave Maria" and "Silent Night." Her voice isn't as beautiful as it once was, but she still knows how to use it.

"A Festive Christmas with Ivan Rebroff," Columbia, is in German. The Regensburger Domspatzen Choir and Orchestra of Austria are with the basso who sings his lowest note on "Still, Still, Still." We recognized "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming" but most of these lovely carols are new to us.

"Merry Christmas from David Frost and Billy Taylor," on Bell, presents four Christmas compositions by Taylor, which are very good; in fact we'd like to hear "We Need Peace and We Need Love" and "Stable Down the Road" a lot more.

But Frost overly introduces selections. And the Billy Taylor Chorale, in its enthusiastic gospel approach is too strident.

"A Partridge Family Christmas Card," on Bell, is mostly David Cassidy. He sings the traditional songs, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," etc., better than most pop singers. Shirley Jones takes a couple of solos.

"Merry Christmas from Buck Owens and Susan Raye," Capitol, is notable for being not the traditional songs. Owens wrote them all and some are very good, "Happy Times," "Good Old-Fashioned Country Christmas" and "Santa Looked a Lot Like Daddy."

"Elvis Sings the Wonderful World of Christmas," RCA, has Presley start with "O Come, All Ye Faithful." The last time we heard a Presley concert, the



NEW YORK (AP) — "The Hatfields and The McCoys," will be a modern adventure drama with a Romeo and Juliet relationship weaving through the sport of stock car racing. The release is planned for next summer.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy all year, almost. I have always tried to be the best boy I could be (time and circumstances permitting). I am looking forward to a very big Christmas. I want an inchworm, tonka toys, record player, fisher price garage, and anything else you want to bring me. Also please don't forget my cousin Dirk who is here from Texas.

Merry Christmas
Shawn Buchanan
Age 3

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl all year. When mommy and daddy tell me to go to sleep, I go to sleep. Hope you will stop by and see me this Christmas. I want a Fisher Price House, a Baby Doll, a Stroller and some new clothes.

Dawn Buchanan
age 18 months

Dear Santa,

I am 6 years old. I go to Kindergarden at Kelly. My teachers name is Mrs. June. Please bring me a Velvet doll with lots of clothes. Some smiling face dishes, some house shoes and anything else you want to bring me.

Please don't forget my cousins Dayna Black and Dawn Byrd.

Santa remember all the other little boys and girls all over the world.

Renee Rice
Blodgett

P.S. Please don't forget my two big sisters and big brother.

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Aldrich will direct Burt Lancaster in "Ulzana's Raid," to be filmed starting late January in Arizona. Aldrich first directed Lancaster in "Apache" in 1951, then in "Vera Cruz" in 1953.

New Madrid County Child Welfare

Fourteen citizens of New Madrid County have been appointed by Proctor N. Carter, Director, Missouri Division of Welfare, Jefferson City to serve on the New Madrid County Child Welfare Advisory Committee. The members were selected because of their interest in community affairs and because of the interest shown in children of New Madrid County.

The duties of the Child Welfare Advisory Committee are as follows:

(1) To have general knowledge of state and local functions of Child Welfare.

(2) To obtain necessary resources to meet unmet needs of children.

(3) To interpret the Child Welfare Program to the community at large.

(4) To promote good public relations with other local, state, and voluntary agencies.

(5) To keep currently informed of laws and policies affecting children and assist in interpretation of them.

(6) To report and recommend needs of children to the county welfare office.

At the initial meeting the following officers were elected:

Chairman — Mr. Herbert Bird, Matthews, Missouri.

Vice Chairman — Mrs. Jack Carlson, New Madrid, Missouri.

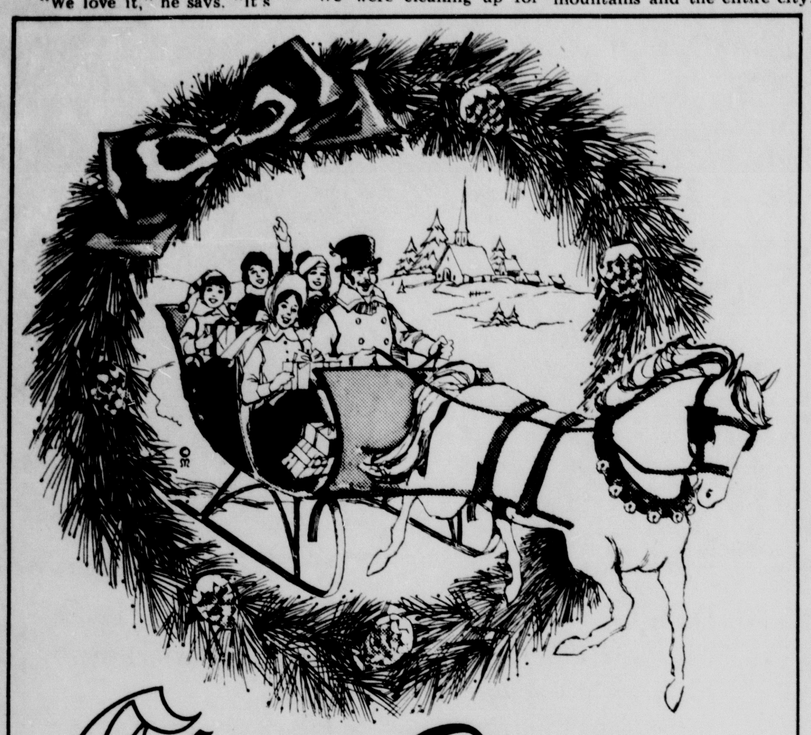
Secretary — Mrs. James Stoffer, New Madrid, Missouri

Other members of the committee are: Mrs. John Calvin, Matthews; Mrs. Harry Campbell, Lilbourn; Mrs. Stowell Hobbs, Portageville; Mr. Alan Littell, Gideon; Mr. Neal Ross, Catron; Mrs. John Scott, Sikeston; Father Amel Shibley, Portageville; Mr. Charles L. Spitler, New Madrid; Mr. Preston Utterback, New Madrid; Mrs. Maxwell Williams, Gideon; and Lola Mae Wigfall, Howardville.

The first project of the committee will be locating people of the county who are interested in being foster parents for the Division of Welfare.

Ruling Affects Issuance Of School Bond

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Atty. Gen. John C. Danforth said that the old Houston, Mo., reorganized school district can issue bonds it has approved and does not have to wait until directors of a new reorganized district are elected.



Christmas Greetings

To the happy tempo of jingling bells, we sing out a cheery "Merry Christmas" to all. Best wishes for a season filled with good health and good fortune. Warm thanks for your loyalty.

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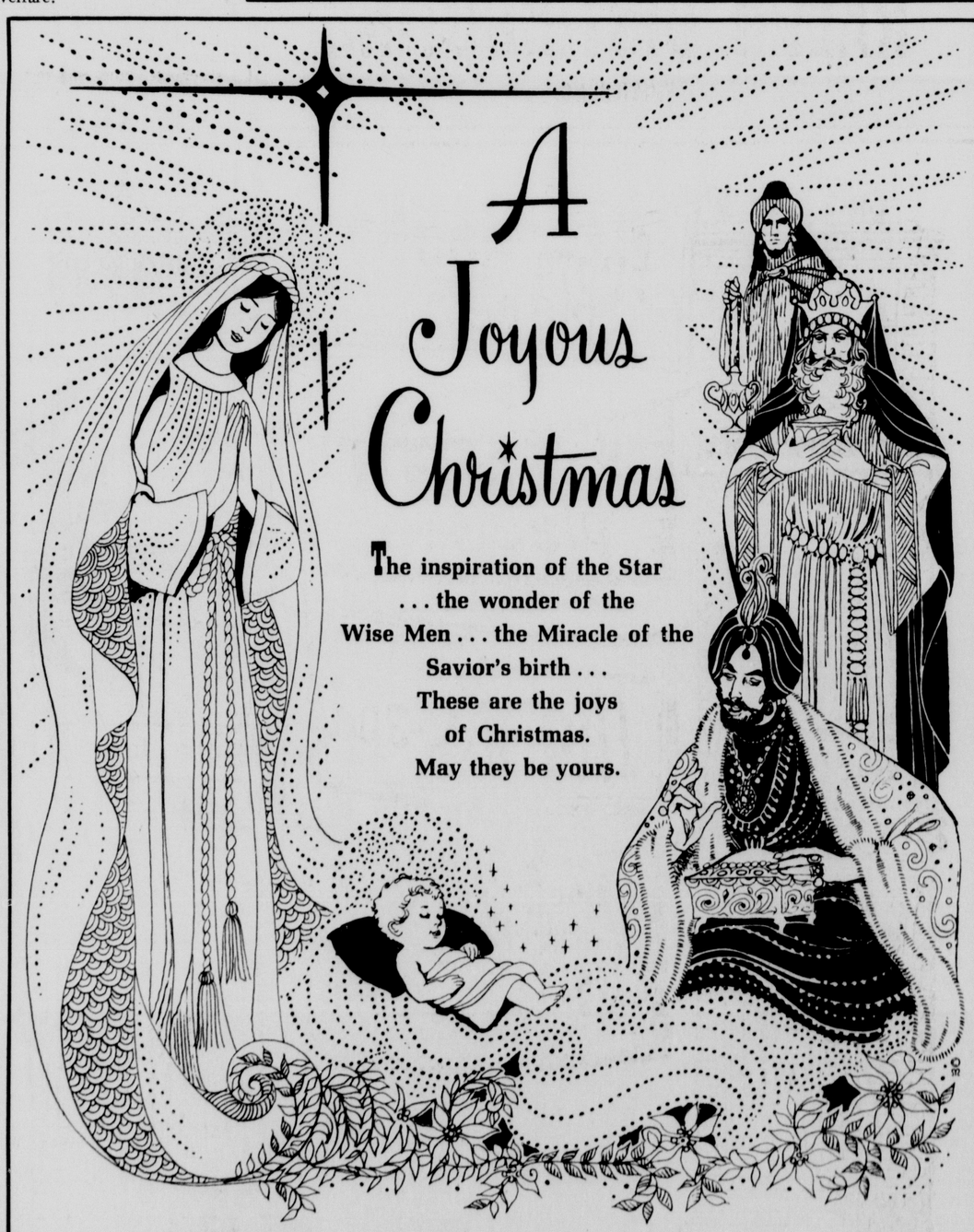
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Health Association Wants Warning Note

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Public Health Association says the Agriculture Department should require labels warning consumers that even inspected meat can cause disease.

The association, which is threatening to sue the USDA, says the seal "U.S. Inspected for Wholesomeness" does not cover everything.

At issue are microbiological contaminants, primarily salmonella, which are transmitted through meat and cause food poisoning.

The health association, composed of federal, state and local public health official, claims the inspection labels are misleading because federal meat inspectors do not check for salmonella and other common food poisoning bacteria.

Dr. Oscar J. Sussman, president of the New Jersey Public Health Association and head of the task force for the national association, said one recent study showed salmonella germs in up to 50.8 per cent of government-inspected poultry checked.

Salmonella is destroyed by cooking but the germs can survive by undercooking. They can also be spread by a cook who doesn't wash after handling raw meat or who uses the same cutting board for raw meat and salad vegetables without cleaning the board.

Sussman proposes this label: "Caution. Improper handling and inadequate cooking of this product may be hazardous to your health. Despite careful government inspection, some disease-producing organisms may be present. Consult your local health department for information on the safe handling and preparation of this product."



Little Elbow Room

Japan Carpeted by Sea-to-Sea People

By BRUCE BIOSSAT

KYOTO, Japan (NEA)

Put half of America's 200 million people into California, and you have present-day Japan. For most Japanese, living is compressed as in no other modern industrial country.

In this ancient city which for centuries was Japan's capital, I sat in a car at a busy downtown curbside on a cloudy Sunday and watched a thick-flowing river of people. There was no break in the stream.

Mostly smiling, plainly enjoying themselves, the strolling people never shoved, never cut anyone off, rarely even brushed elbows. It was true, what I had heard: The Japanese find great pleasure not just in walking, but in walking in throngs, with the sense of others close by.

Good thing it is, for the throngs are everywhere — on the streets, in the stations, at the thousands of temples and shrines, in the multilevel underground shopping arcades.

Some 50 per cent of Japan's 100 million people live on a mere 1.5 per cent of the land in these damp, forested, volcanic islands. Were they truly abrasive in their public behavior, their lives would be crushingly chaotic and miserable. They are not.

Yet, nothing so cramped as Japanese living could be altogether smooth. There are those famous pushers who thrust commuters into Tokyo's overloaded subway trains. Tempers do not run short in the Tokoyo pressure-cooker. Motor traffic is incredibly congealed everywhere on the many narrow streets and too few expressways. Japanese who walk at easy pace are often wild at the wheel, slashing for advantage.

It takes too long to move around town or get to jammed beach and mountain resorts. Many go anyway, struggling for the natural scenes the Japanese love.

Here I saw families clustered on a river bank under bright umbrellas in a morning rain. Others moved across an old bridge. Thousands threaded their way through the shrines and temples.

For those who could not reach these favored places, the hearts of the cities were the Sunday targets. It was like the day before Christmas in the big department stores on Tokyo's celebrated Ginza. Traffic is shut off on that street on Sunday afternoons, so it turns magically into a carnival of romping children and relaxing grandmothers planted on benches in richly woven kimonos.

But the quest for diversion can be hard for such multitudes. Bowling is the new Japanese rage, with large, gleaming-white rooftop bowling pins marking the alleys.

And then there is pachinko. It's a kind of upright pinball game. The player gets 20 steel balls for 15 cents. If, flicking a small lever, he drops enough in the key holes, he wins extras he can convert to profit. In one pachinko parlor I counted 518 machines, nearly all manned by men of varying ages, playing with unbelievable concentration.

Labor Unions Must Pay Tax

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., (AP) — Labor unions must pay intangible personal property tax, according to an opinion issued today by the attorney general of Missouri.

Rep. Thomas A. Walsh, D-St. Louis, requested the opinion asking if labor unions are exempt as are certain not-forprofit institutions. He is president of the Missouri Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO.

In today's opinion, the attorney general concluded a labor union falls within the scope of the definition "person" and therefore is subject to taxation.

"Even if one could maintain that a labor union is not technically an association," the opinion stated, "it still would be subject to the intangible personal property tax..."

Some 35 million tons of coal a year are required to fuel Tennessee Valley Authority steam-electric generating plants.

NIXONIAN MEAL

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — While other Japanese assail President Nixon for his economic policies, a Japanese restaurateur is capitalizing on it.

Ryoichi Matsuo, 44, is offering "Nikuson (Nixon) Lunches." It consists of a small steak and rice, and costs 350 yen, or roughly one dollar.

In Japanese, "Niku" means meat, and "son" means a loss.

Matsuo says his business has increased 20 per cent.



To the happy tempo of jingling bells, we sing out a cheery "Merry Christmas" to all. Best wishes for a season filled with good health and good fortune. Warm thanks for your loyalty.

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Thomas Nast First To Fatten Up Santa Claus

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) — The Santa in Clement Moore's class "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" was a roly-poly, broad-faced gentleman with merry dimples, tiwnkling eyes, and cheeks like roses. The poem, popularly known as "The Night Before Christmas" brought visions of sugar plums, tiny reindeer, and a kindly old man, "a right jolly old elf."

However, Moore's description, written in 1822, did not match that of the Saint Nicholas or Santa Claus portrayed by artists of the period. The Santa of the 1820's often was a thin black-bearded bucaneer type who came dressed in strange costumes ranging from military uniforms to furry black suits.

Even the artist who illustrated Moore's book, identified only as Boyd, drew a picture of Santa that would hardly be recognizable today. His St. Nick had a short, straight beard, smoked a pipe, and was dressed in white stockings, knickers, vest, and fur-trimmed short coat and fur hat.

Illustrations from the period housed in the Hallmark Historical Collection portray Saint Nicholas as a whitebearded, priestly looking man in religious robes. The white beard also was the trademark of the Father Christmas figure popular around this time in England.

A reprinting of the original classic by Moore is available this year, a Hallmark spokesman said. The hardbound book is a good choice for someone wishing to send something less than a large gift, but more than a card, the spokesman added.

Illustrations in the Hallmark book are those by Howard Nast, the first artist to follow Moore's description of a jolly character with a "little round belly that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly."

The timeless poem was written by Moore some 40 years before Nast's original Santa first appeared in Harper's Weekly.

Mrs. Jeanette Lee, Hallmark's vice president and creative director, says that unlike earlier times when it was up to the artist to decide how Santa would appear, artists now have to work within certain limits. "People just know what Santa should look like," she said. "They weren.t so sure a hundred years ago."

Nast's Santa was short, pixie-like figure, round and jolly but still hardly able to carry the huge bags of toys he is generally pictured with today. Nevertheless, Nast's drawings established a popular notion of Santa that eventually led to the present day conception.

Nast popularized not only the figure of Santa Claus, but also many of the other practices with which the jolly old fellow is associated at Christmas: building the toys in his North Pole workshop, keeping the records of good and bad children, receiving and answering their letters and driving his reindeer. Nast also is credited with establishing Stanta's red coat, the result of a cartoon during the Civil War in which he patriotically showed Santa in a red, white and blue suit.

The Cleveland Browns was the first team to win a pro football crown in 1971. They won the Central Division in the American Football Conference.

Gus Ganakas is in his third season as Michigan State basketball coach.



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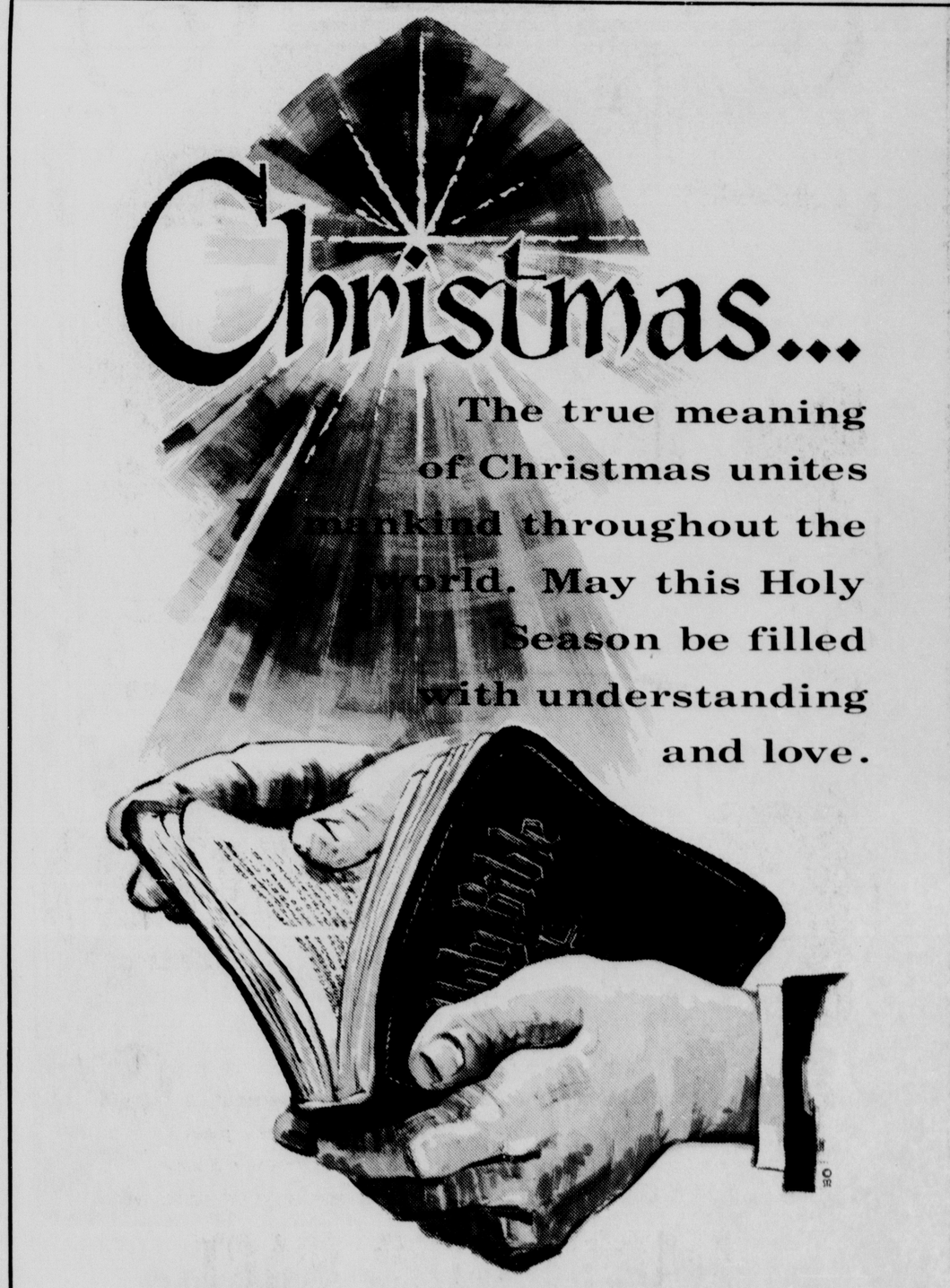


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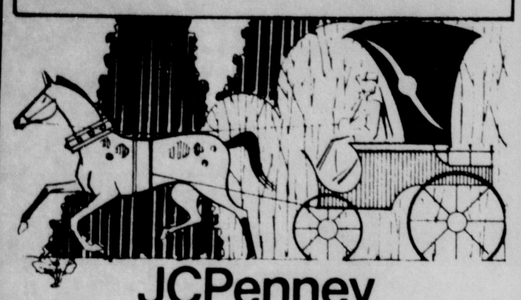
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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



JCPenney
The Christmas Place

Toyland '71 Reflects Adult World

NEW YORK (AP) — What are toys like this year and why?

By exploring Toyland 1971, it becomes evident that the world of play does not escape the influence of the real world. Current adult concerns and interest once again are having an impact on juvenile play.

Ecology is a grown-up word, but through play the young can be made aware of the necessity of caring for natural resources. A child size Smokey Bear by Knickerbocker, for instance, speaks persuasively for caution with matches to preserve the forest. Wild Life, a game by E. S. Lowe, bases competition on the humane capture of animals for zoos.

Women's Lib plus the opinion of child specialists may be responsible for the lessening of rigid segregation of boy toys from girl toys. There are more toys on the market now for use by both sexes.

HEAD START

At a time when so much must be learned, there is a tendency to get children started early and then continue throughout their childhood to give them the type of toys that will teach and involve them while they are having fun.

Accelerating the accomplishment of toddlers and increasing their enjoyment of play is the goal of a new Discovery Time series by Rainbow Crafts which includes a number of Fun 'n Fit toys. They are 3 D puzzles which teach relationship of objects and, when completed, double as imagination stimulating toys to push or pull. Also featured are Puzzle-Ups which involve puzzle pieces of different heights with action, such as eyes that rotate, moving wheels and clock face changes.

New in musical experience for pre-schoolers is Melody Maker with which even toddlers can create tuneful melodies or chords by placing pegs at raddom on a cylinder and cranking the handle. With Time 'n Chime, the child winds the clock, sets the time and then hears the hour chime.

Some of the old traditional favorites like Raggedy Ann and Andy wear the same kind of clothes but they are designed to stimulate children's interest in lacing, tying, buckling and snapping.

Sesame Street has sponsored a telephone dial with alphabet letters. When a word is completed, a humorous record comes on as a reward. And the very youngs' love of keys is satisfied by F. J. Strauss' Lock-A-Block-House.

Parents' concern over encouraging reading readiness is catered to by a variety of new toy kits such as Montesorri's Motivational Toys. From Systematic Learning comes Alphabet School with 26 windows that open only when the correct letter is inserted.

BRIDGING GAP

Games that encourage participation by children and parents are front runners in the array of new homes front competitions. Ingenious balancing games where the skill of the young often surpasses the ability of their elders are very popular.

There's a boom in home versions of big league sports games. A digital computer embellishes the strategic action of a series of sports games including Rose Bowl Computerized Football and Playoff Computerized Basketball.



RAY CROMLEY

Time to Overhaul Foreign Aid Goals

By RAY CROMLEY

WASHINGTON (NEA)

If the current squabbling and confusion over foreign aid eventually results in a top-to-bottom overhaul of the entire concept and establishment of future assistance efforts on a rationally productive basis, it will indeed be a blessing.

Something of this nature has been long overdue in the opinion of this writer after two decades of reporting on the subject, a view shared by many within the aid program itself, both young Turks and veterans of the original Marshall Plan. Nowhere, in fact, is criticism stronger of what the program has become than among men who have given 10 to 15 years of their lives to it.

In private, of course.

In its present form, the U.S. assistance program does not conform with President Nixon's foreign policy.

It does not mesh with the purposes outlined by President Kennedy 10 years ago when the program was reorganized in its present form.

Too frequently, aid has consisted of doing for foreign countries those things we believed should be done in the ways we thought they should be carried out, brushing local views aside.

Because of a difference in customs or lack of local expertise, the results often have not done what we intended:

- "Logical" irrigation projects flopped because local people were not skilled in creating the organizations necessary to ensure maintenance, fairly divide the water, accurately divide costs and carry out collections.

- Cooperative lending organizations funded by aid have failed because local managers found it impossible under local customs to lend the money fairly or to secure repayment even when recipients were prospering and the funds needed back in the lending pool for needy farmers.

In some cases our aid triggered radical shifts in the economies and disrupted the social order.

In other cases, overemphasis was put on military aid when greater economic assistance might have increased stability and lessened the military need.

Training of foreign peoples has been woefully inadequate in fostering the technical skills required to use the equipment we have provided, particularly in maintenance.

There has been too much reliance on figures—on dams built, irrigation projects started, tons of fertilizer spread, miles of road constructed, wells dug, power generated or schools completed.

Americans can give of their technical knowledge. They can train men and women in needed skills. They can bring foreign specialists here. But Americans cannot plan successfully the economic program of distant Asian, Latin or African nations without courting chaos.

Nixon has said he wants local nations to plan their own defenses and provide the bulk of their own security. The United States, at invitation, will provide the technical backup.

Congressional furor over the aid bill should give the administration an opportunity to develop precisely this type of program, if the will is strong enough.

There are perhaps three reasons why it is necessary to effect changes:

- Though the President's budget did submit some rather strong reform recommendations, he has been so preoccupied with other quite urgent matters that there has been a tendency to let aid rock along.
- The talent required in the numbers necessary for project planning has been lacking in many developing countries until quite recently.
- It is easy to talk about returning more initiative to recipient countries. It is quite another thing in practice. Knowing our own technical capability, we tend to "take over," as we took over fighting in the Vietnam war because of the failings we saw in the South Vietnamese.

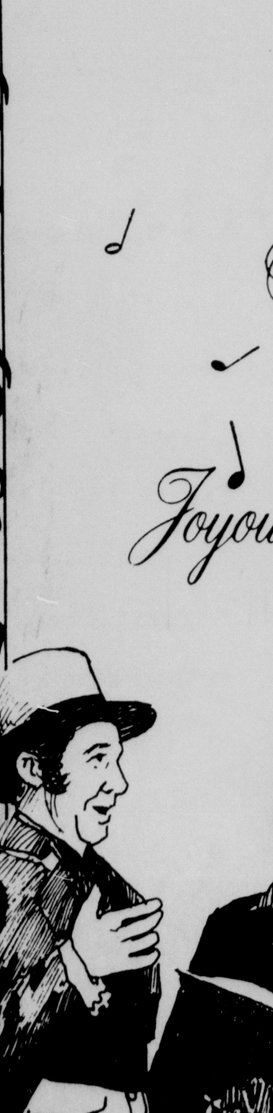
"WHAT'S UP, DOC?"

NEW YORK (AP) — Producer-director Peter Bogdanovich has completed filming "What's Up, Doc?", the Warner Bros. motion picture comedy starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal.

Bogdanovich's first film since his highly-acclaimed "The Last Picture Show," was filmed at Warner Bros. in Burbank, Calif., and on location in San Francisco.

Bill Mazeroski of the Pittsburgh Pirates holds the National League record for most chances by a second baseman — 11,591.

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Modern Chimneys Alienate Santa

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — It's a wonder Santa doesn't get stuck going down the chimney. Chimney sweeps don't even attempt the descent.

"The average flue is eight by 12 inches," explains Walter Smith, a local chimney sweep — in modern terminology, a "chimney contractor."

Houses in olden times, with fireplaces so big a person could walk into them, used to have ladders built within their massive chimneys to help with cleaning, Smith says. No more.

Today chimney cleaning is a two-man job: one man climbs an outside ladder to the roof and drops a rope down the flue. The man inside ties a porcupine-shaped brush about the diameter of the flue onto the end, and the one on the roof hoists it up.

Heavy debris falls onto the smoke shelf, a ledge at the bottom of the flue,and can be brushed out. Thanks to the draft within the flue, lighter soot flies up the chimney and out above the house.





At this joyous time of year, we extend best wishes to all our neighbors.

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Nurses Are Smoking More Grass

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — A Stanford University research team says marijuana-smoking is gaining popularity with student nurses in the United States.

"If medical authorities cannot convince nursing students to refrain from using marijuana, persuading the population at large seems unlikely," the researchers said in a report published in the December issue of the American Journal of Nursing.

They said nalysis of questionnaires filled out by 1,171 student nurses and 962 graduate nurses from across the nation showed that 13 per cent of the student nurses had used pot compared with 3 per cent of the practicig nurses.

The researchers called the findings remarkable, because prospective doctors and nurses "jeopardize not only graduation, but also state licensure and employment."

The survey was done by Drs. Martin Lipp and Samuel G. Benson of Stanford School of Medicine and Patricia S. Allen, a graduate of Stanford's School of Nursing.

The Harry S. Truman sports complex in Kansas City will open next April 11 when the Kansas City Royals meet the California Angels in a night baseball game.

Difficult To Predict Holiday Spending

NEW YORK (AP) — Most stores say it is too early to comment about projected holiday spending but those that do expect it to be a good Christmas despite the economic slump.

"We expect Christmas sales to go up this year, and they were good last year," says a spokesman for Famous - Barr Co. in St. Louis.

Federated Department Stores says it has been experiencing stronger sales all year long because of greater consumer willingness to spend but adds "there are too many unpredictable elements to make a forecast about the rest of the year."

The National Retail Merchants Assn. notes that most stores last year had better Christmas sales than in 1969. It also adds that a good way to judge what retailers are expecting this year is by how many are using Christmas catalogues.

In a survey done in May the association says about 70 per cent of the stores said they were using catalogues compared with 62 per cent last year.

"Obviously if stores weren't expecting a good Christmas they wouldn't bother to put out catalogues," a spokesman for the association says.

A spokesman for J. L. Hudson Co., a division of Dayton - Hudson and the largest department store in the Detroit area, is less optimistic.

"We expect Christmas buying will generally be better than last year. However, we are being cautious because consumers don't appear ready yet to spend the money they have saved. Their confidence is low and there is no indication they are very excited about buying."

The store also notes, however, that Detroit was something of a special case last year because Christmas spending was badly depressed because of the nine-week General Motors strike.

The spokesman adds Hudson's expectations of a better Christmas this year are largely based upon the absence of a strike and improved conditions in the auto industry.

Last year even though sales improved generally in the holiday season across the country, there was a drop in the purchase of luxury items because of the economic situation. Most stores say if any categories of merchandise suffer poor sales this year it will probably be these luxury, high ticket items.

Famous - Barr says it expects that hard goods such as furniture and appliances might not do well this year.

On the plus side, stores report that they expect their soft goods, expecially men's clothing, to do especially well.

3 Plead Guilty Of Marijuana

PLATTSBURG, Mo. (AP) — Three men and a woman have pleaded guilty to possession of 300 pounds of marijuana, the largest amount ever seized by Clay County officials, authorities reported.

Richard K. Roberts, 23, of Utica, N. Y.; Gary R. Dumka, 21, no permanent address; Michael Nessbit, 28, and his wife, Marilyn, 20, of Plattsburg, all entered pleas of guilty in the Clinton County Circuit Court Monday. The case was heard on a change of venue.

The court ordered a presentence investigation for the defendants. The minimum sentence under Missouri law for possession of marijuana is one year and the maximum is five years.

The four were arrested by Clay County sheriff's deputies following a 24-hour surveillance of a cornfield near here on Aug. 18. A man had tipped off police that he had seen bundles of the marijuana being dried in the loft of a barn.

Holiday Fun Prompts Lively Party Ideas

Christmas gatherings just naturally turn into parties—friends and relatives drop in with holiday greetings, and all of a sudden it's a party!

Party games designed specially for the season can spur on the fun.

For groups large or small, parties planned or impromptu, the following entertaining ideas are suggested.

One way to "break the ice," especially when all of the guests are not well acquainted with each other, is to play a guessing game. A Christmas Personality game can be played by pinning a name such as "Rudolph," "Santa" or "Christmas Angel" on the backs of several guests. Then each tries to guess his name by hints others give.

Another way to start a party is to start the guests out thinking! Have a little contest and see who can spell the most words with the letters in "Chrismas."

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Musical Candy Cane

A lively combination version of Musical Chairs and Hot Potato makes use of some unbreakable symbol of Christmas festivities — a small package, one of the sturdier tree ornaments, a big candy cane.

One person who is not playing puts on a Christmas record. Everyone sits in a close circle and passes the object around. When the music suddenly stops, the person who has the object in his hand is out. This continues until the circle is reduced to one—the winner!

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Pin the Star

Children never tire of exciting party games, while the adults may need a rest. One game that is loads of fun for kids to play and adults to watch is a seasonal version of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." This one is "Pin the Star on the Christmas Tree."

It's easy to cut a large shape of a Christmas Tree out of green construction paper and tape it to a wall or door, making sure it is low enough for the littlest guest to reach the top.

Each child gets a paper star with tape on the back and takes his turn being blindfolded and spun around. The one who can place his star closest to the top of the tree wins.

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Christmas Tree

A Christmas Tree game that everyone can play is a guessing game. In "Christmas Tree" the person who is "it" leaves the room while the other players decide on a secret word. It must be a verb, or a word showing action, such as run, eat or swim.

When "it" comes back, he tries to guess the word by asking questions using "Christmas Tree" in place of the word. He may ask, "Do children Christmas Tree?"

FINISH "THE OTHER"

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Filming has been completed on 20th Century-Fox's film adaptation of Thomas Tryon's best-selling novel, "The Other."

Broadway actress and two-time Tony winner Uta Hagen is making her film debut in the starring role, heading a cast that includes Diana Muldaur and Lou Frizzell.

CLARK TO DIRECT

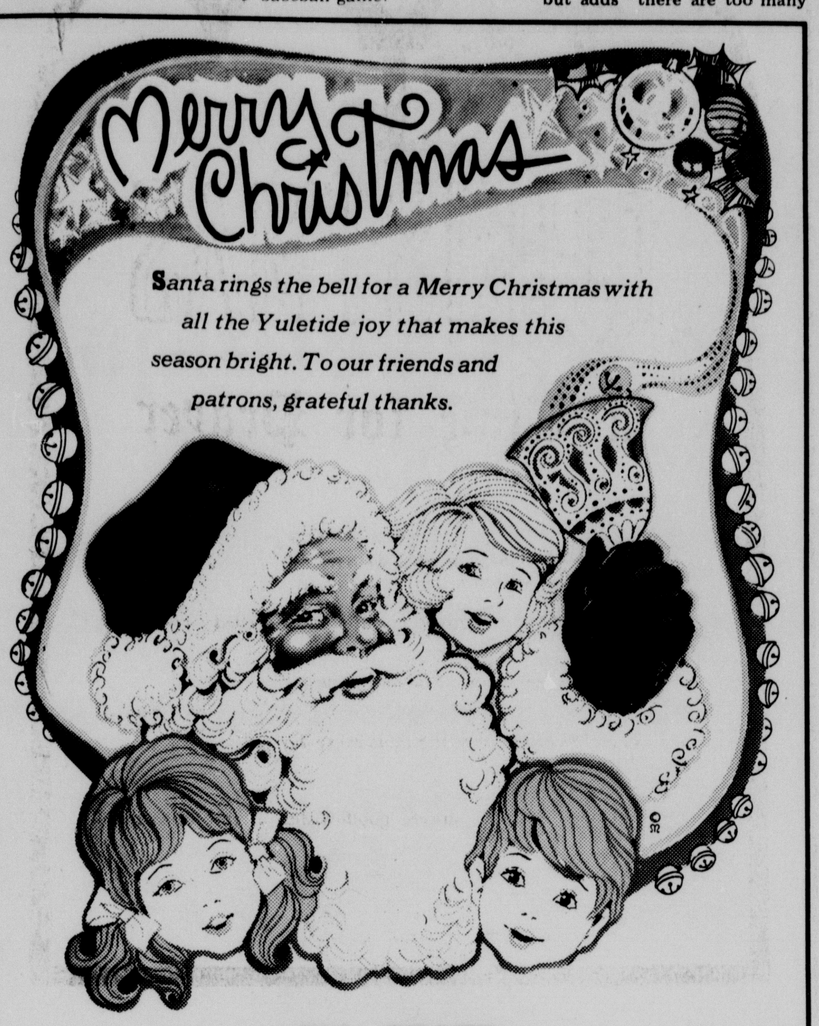
NEW YORK (AP) — James Clark will direct the ambitious human interest drama "Waldo," which discloses the strange experiences of a man who undergoes total bodily transformations.

Shooting will begin in England in January with Stephen W. Jahn and Louis M. Heyward producing.



Time to wish everyone a very merry Christmas season!

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Scholars Study Source of Star Shining in East

"There shall come forth a Star" — Numbers 24:17.

In this Old Testament prophecy by Balaam, was a real star meant, or does "Star" refer to a great person?

For centuries, Biblical scholars have considered this question. Many believe that the prophecy led the wise men to watch for and follow the "star in the east," of which St. Matthew wrote in his story of the Nativity.

The star itself is the source of many theories. Perhaps the best of all is that it was a miraculous appearance and as such needs no explanation.

However, astronomers through the ages have sought to connect the star seen by the wise men with other reported celestial objects — a comet, perhaps, or an especially brilliant star that only appears at long intervals.

Still another theory suggests that the star may have been a configuration or grouping of planets. In 1604, the German astronomer Johannes Kepler theorized that Jupiter, Saturn and Mars might have occurred in such a configuration at about the time of Christ's birth.

The fact that the star and the visit of the wise men were described only by St. Matthew has led to still another question. Did only the wise men see the star?

That they were so privileged is sometimes explained by the legend that the wise men were astrologers whose special interest helped them to notice the unusual brilliance of the three planets grouped together.

PRICE IN LONDON

LONDON (AP) — Vincent Price is here to play the title role in American International's "Dr. Phibes Rises Again," a terror-with-humor production.

Robert Fuest, who directed "Dr. Phibes," is directing for producers James H. Nicholson and Samuel Z. Arkoff.

MINISKIRT TRAGEDY

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP) — A figure-hugging miniskirt was blamed in coroner's court for the death of a 19-year-old girl.

The girl was getting on a train when her tight skirt interfered with the freedom of her leg movements. She suffered a heavy fall and died from her injuries.

Bob Robertson of the Pittsburgh Pirates hit four home runs in the four National League playoff games against the San Francisco Giants.

Malden Faculty Are CTA Members

MALDEN — All of the 85 members of the Malden R-1 faculty are members of the Malden Community Teachers Association.

The board of education has purchased basic health nd accident insurance coverage from the Missouri State Teachers Association for all members of the Malden faculty.

Officers for the Malden Community Teachers Association for the 1971-72 school year are Billy Hamlett, president; Alice Powell, vice-president; Lena Wade, treasurer.

Martin White is chairman of the insurance and welfare committee. Committee members are Judith Maze and Juanita King.

Mildred Tackett is chairman of the salary committee. Committee members are Delores Powell and Deanie Floyd.

The welfare committee chairman is W. D. Hester. Committee members are Lena Wade and Jackie Chambers.

MAIL COMMERCIALS

NEW YORK (AP) — Voice specialist Allen Swift seldom travels and when an out-of-town sponsor seeks him for a commercial. Swift auditions over the telephone. Many of his commercials are taped and mailed to the client.

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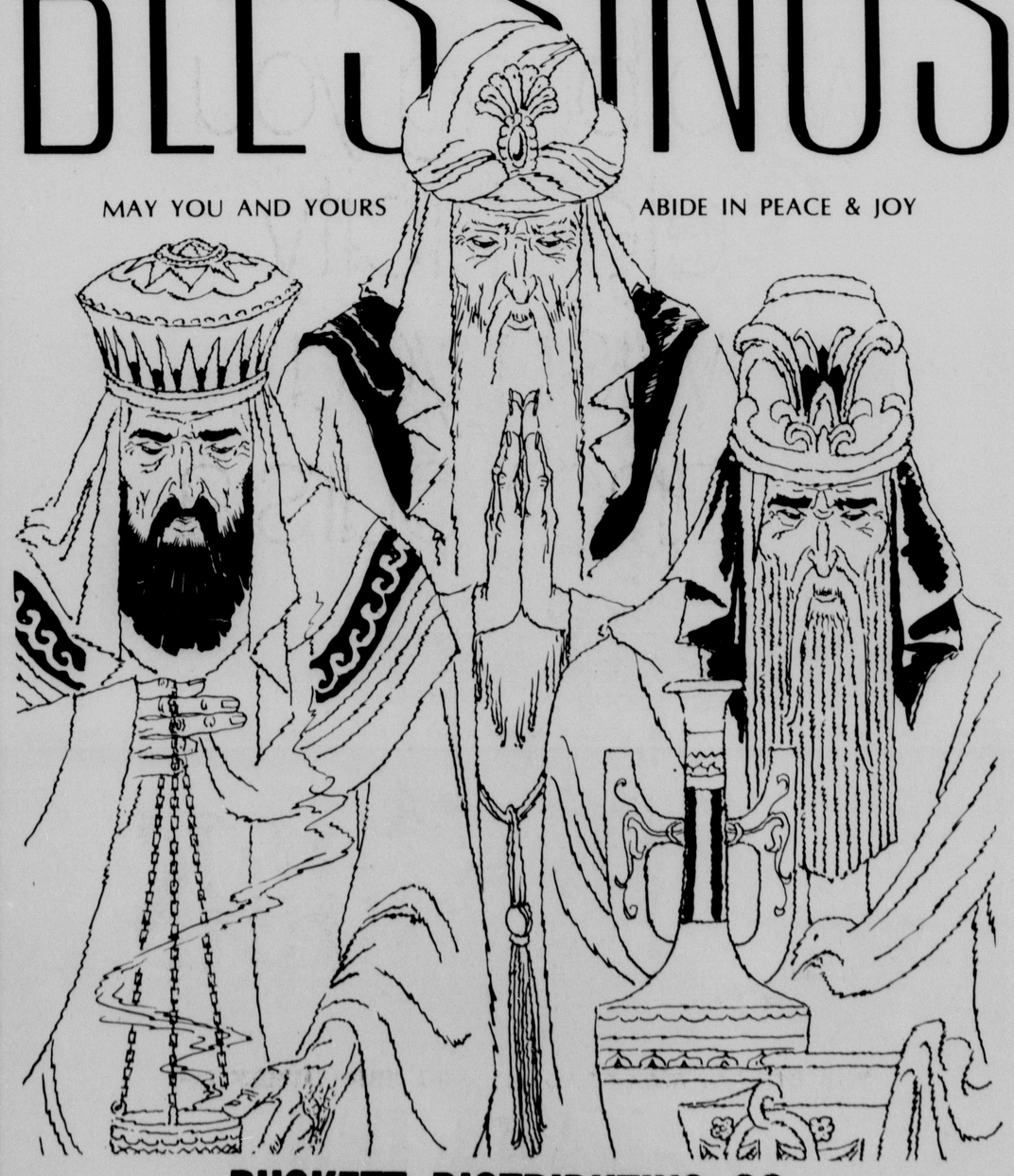
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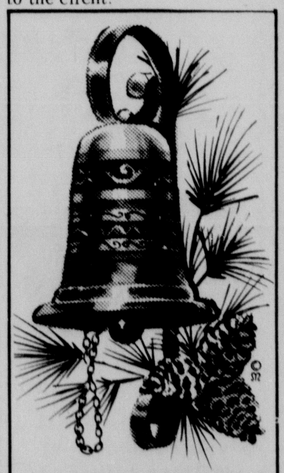
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A SLEIGH-FULL OF WARM WISHES TO ALL

May the meaningful traditions of this joyous season fill your heart with an abundance of happiness. We welcome this opportunity to extend our very good wishes to you, our loyal friends, and your families. Merry Christmas!

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the season shine with warmth, peace and happiness for you and your family.



HALE'S JEWELRY
SIKESTON, MO.

Birth Of Gift Paper

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Christmas season starts in July at the Papercraft Corp. on Pittsburgh's northeastern outskirts.

The firm is a leading producer of gift wrapping, Christmas cards, gift tags and stickers, tinsel and ribbon.

Artists who design the Christmas gift wrapping work about two years ahead of the season when it actually will be used.

Joseph M. Katz, who founded the company in 1945, said gift wrap became popular during the depression.

"When people could afford only to give necessary items — like a pair of socks — they wanted the package wrapped prettily," he said. "Comtemporary gift papers were born them."

Churches Grace Greeting Card

As jubilant bells ring out the good news of Christmas, churches of this community stand as symbols of the true spirit of the season.

Landmarks in the history of Christendom, these churches are the living center of current activities, especially at Christmas, when choral programs, pageants and other special services express holiday joy.

Across the country, and in other lands, soaring steeples and ringing bells beckon worshipers to "Come to Church on Christmas."

Small wonder, then, that churches are a favorite subject for Christmas greeting cards. This year, the 95th anniversary of Christmas cards in the United States, is no exception.

A look into the past shows three well-known churches which were favorite Christmas card features. The Little Church around the Corner and Trinity Church, both in New York City, and Westminster Abbey in London are pictured on cards dated around 1925 and now in the Norcross historical collection.



CHURCHES, LONG a symbol of the Christmas season, have appeared in innumerable ways on Christmas cards. Pictured here is Westminster Abbey, subject of a card from the Norcross Historical Collection.

The oldest of these church buildings is Westminster Abbey, a national shrine and the Mother Church of the Commonwealth of Great Britain.

In 1966 the Abbey celebrated its 900th anniversary, and thousands of people from all over the world visited the church where both commoners and royalty have worshipped for centuries.

In commemoration of the event, Westminster underwent a 10-year program of cleaning and repairs that cost $1,120,000.

It was on Christmas day that William the Conqueror was crowned at Westminster, and buried there are Newton, Darwin, Keats, Tennyson, Browning, and royal personages such as Queen Elizabeth I and her rival for the throne, Mary Queen of Scots, Richard II, Henry VII and St. Edward, whose shrine is the most sacred spot in the Abbey.

In September 1965, a tablet was added in memory of Winston Churchill.

NOTTINGHAM, England (AP) — A coach trip to the seaside for 90 bus drivers and ticket collectors with wives, children and girlfriends went wrong half way there. Their company's buses ran out of gas.

FINISH BUTTERFLIES

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Principal photography was completed here on the Frankovich production of "Butterflies Are Free," starring Goldie Hawn, Edward Albert and Eileen Heckart. Milton Katselas directed the motion picture version of the hit Broadway comedy for Columbia Pictures.

Leonard Gershe, author of the stage play, wrote the screenplay. Miss Heckart recreated her award-winning stage role as the boy's overattentive mother.

Greetings



We're hoping that on Christmas Day, Santa delivers a pack of goodies at your house. Thank you for friendship and loyal patronage.

LIBERTY SUPER MARKET
DOWNTOWN SIKESTON

Solar Heat Conversion Into Electricity Studied

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — To solve a growing power crisis on earth, man is studying how to use orbiting satellites to convert the sun's rays into pollution-free electrical energy.

The Air Force, the space agency and some industrial concerns have looked into the possibility of placing a network of satellites in stationary orbits. The idea would be to have their banks of solar cells capture solar heat and transform it to electricity. Generators then would convert the electricity to microwaves, which would be beamed to an earth station for reconversion to electricity.

The studies show such a system could be developed in this country. It initially would be costly, but proponents say the eventual saving to the environment might make it worthwhile.

Peter E. Glaser of Arthur D. Little Inc., a leading research organization, said the world's supply of fossil fuel will be exhauste d within a few centuries.

"This rapid exhaustion of our basic fuel can be readily understood when one considers that world demand for electrical power is doubling about once every decade," he said.

"At present, all efforts to meet the energy crisis are keyed to a single energy source— nuclear power—and to a single technology—the fast breeder reactor."

He claimed his approach is potentially harmful to the environment.

"The ecology of the earth simply may not be capable of sustaining or even tolerating the growth of power-generating capacity so long as power plants are based on the principles of thermodynamics and have to utilize the surface of the earth or its atmosphere as a heat sink or as a repository of its waste materials," he said.

That is why science is looking to the sun as a possible power source, Glaser reported.

Glaser said a stationary satellite orbiting 22,300 miles above the earth "would be exposed continually to the sun except near the spring or fall equinoxes when it would be eclipsed bt the earth for a maximum of one hour, eight minutes. These short periods of nonexposure can be overcome by using at least two satellite power stations, each displaced in orbit from the other."

Solar cells have been used for years to provide power for unmanned satellites and have lasted fr as long as seven years.

Glaser said that at the present cost of about $1,000 for each pound of materiai carried into orbit, a network of such satellites would be very expensive.

The key to developing such a system, he said, would be the space shuttle, the reuseable rocket plane which NASA is developing to operate like an airliner, making 100 or more trips into space before wearing out.

Glaser said "cost projections based on an extension of presently known technology indicate the system would generate power at two to five times the cost from competing power generating plants."

He said the price could come down as technology improves the system and depending how widely it might be used in the world.

Recipe For Christmas Decorations

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) — Along with the "Make it yourself" revival involving dresses, hats, home-baked bread and even wines and cheeses comes this tailored for the holidays suggestion.

Make your own Christmas decorations.

To give the young ones a glance of how much fun a real family holiday season can be, mix four cups of flour with one and one-half cups of water and pour into that one cup of high-quality table salt.

Add more water if the mixture is too stiff and then put everyone to work forming original sculptures for centerpieces, candle holders, tree trimmings, wreaths and even gifts.

Cookie cutters or a knife, fork, spoon, rolling pin, or even a toothpick can be of great assistance. Form larger pieces around wire skeletons. Paper clips or hair pins make excellent hangers.

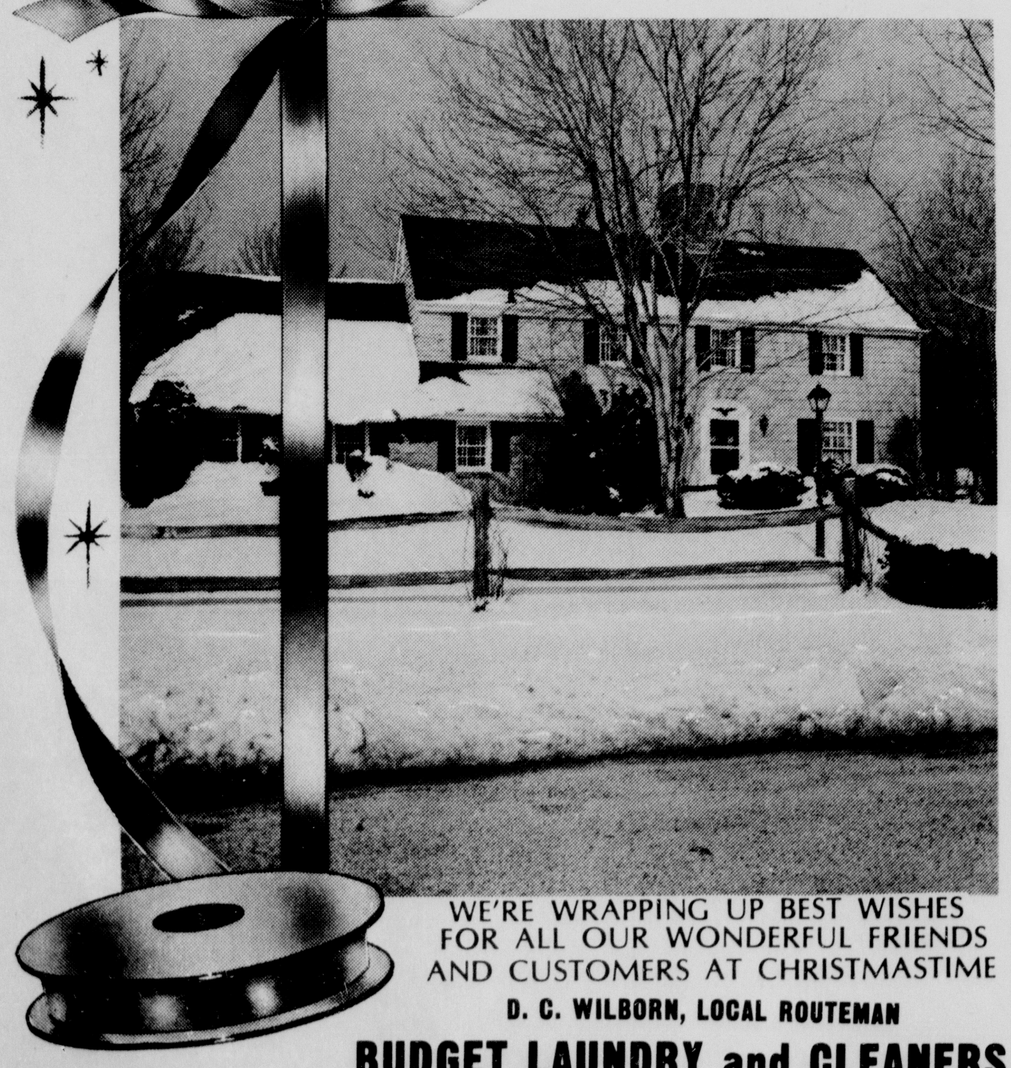
The finished products should be baked for at least one hour at 350 degrees.

Holiday Greetings

The Christmas Season always will be a time for the expression of good will and the exchange of friendly greetings. In this spirit of friendship and with genuine appreciation for the pleasant relations we have enjoyed with you, we extend the season's greetings and best wishes.

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Season's Greetings



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